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## Irish Leader Joins Major In Revamp of 3 **Ulster Politics**

Unionists Assail Plan For Assembly in North And Cross-Border Body

By Fred Barbash

BELFAST - Britain and Ireland presented the divided people of Northern Ire-land a plan for peace Wednesday that would completely reconstruct politics and

The proposals, which face difficult hurdies and strong objections, would create an elected legislative assembly for Northern Ireland with built-in mechanisms to prevent Protestants from dominating the mi-nority Roman Catholic community.

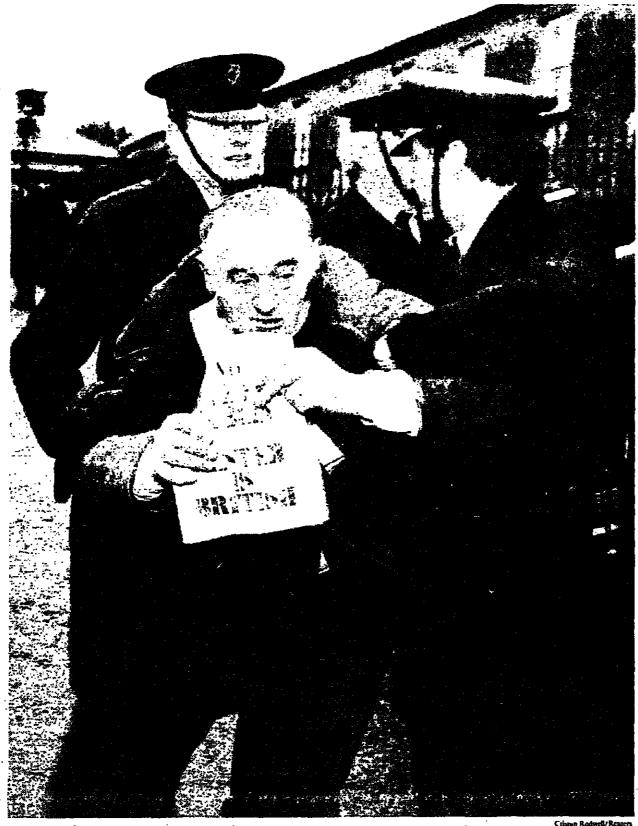
The proposals also would, for the first time, allow the Republic of Ireland to become formally involved in important matters of government in the British prov-

In return, Prime Minister John Bruton pledged to withdraw Ireland's absolute constitutional claim of jurisdiction over the entire island, north as well as south, while Prime Minister John Major promsed that London would not impede reunification of Ireland — and the end of British control here — should it ever be desired by the majority of Northern Ireland's peo-

Nothing in the plan, both leaders said, is inviolate. Nothing, they said, would be implemented before negotiations with the political leadership of Northern Ireland, agreement of the people of Northern Ireland in a referendum and approval by the British Parliament. The prime ministers are counting on these promises of "consent" and "self-determination" to keep the peace process alive.

Mr. Major said he had no timetable for further action. "We don't want to rush things along," he said. London has yet to complete its negotiations with representatives of Catholic and Protestant paramili-tary organizations over the "decommisoning" of the stockpiles of explosives and

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A Protestant unionist being restrained Wednesday before Mr. Major and Mr. Bruton presented their proposals.

## Lower U.S. Interest Rates? Maybe, but Probably Not

By Lawrence Malkin nternational Herald Tribune

NEW YORK - Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, tanta-lized Congress and Wall Street on Wednesday with a possible halt in the central bank's program of raising interest rates. But in the final analysis, Mr. Greenspan seemed to stand behind the current policy of monetary restraint.

With the Fed under fire for its seventh rate increase in a year from the new Republican congressional majority and tradi-

tional Democratic expansionists, Mr. Greenspan had to tread a fine line when be appeared before the Senate Banking Committee in Washington to present the central bank's semiannual report on its economic projections.

The forecasts were not much different from those of the Clinton administration or most private economists: consumer price inflation between 3 percent and 3.5 percent and real economic growth between 2 percent and 3 percent, which would fall within the Fed's limits on growth without risking inflation.

But that raised the question of whether the Fed felt interest rates had to move even higher to slow growth further. Mr. Greenspan left that deliberately murky, which left financial markets uncertain and subdued, the dollar weaker, and some Wall Street economists saying that he hinted vaguely at lowering rates in order to pla-

Mr. Greenspan opened his testimony by saying that the latest data on slower retail sales and new housing "offered some indications that the expansion may finally be slowing from its torrid pace of late 1994,"

4 percent. But then he warned: "The jury is out on whether the slowing that is in train will be sufficient to contain inflation pressures.

But at the end of his testimony Mr. Greenspan waved what Wall Street called "the e-word" by hinting for the first time publicly that monetary policy might ease even if some additional inflation showed up later this year, as is traditional at the end of a business recovery.

"There may come a time when we hold See SLOWDOWN, Page 12

## France Accuses 5 Americans of **Economic Spying**

Paris Says CLA's Station Chief Led an Effort to Bribe Officials

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service

PARIS - France has accused five Americans - four diplomats and a private citizen - of political and economic espionage and asked them to leave the country immediately, French officials revealed

Among the diplomats were the Central Intelligence Agency's station chief and his deputy, according to an account in Le Monde that was confirmed by diplomats.

The Americans were accused of trying to bribe high French government officials into disclosing secrets about domestic politics, telecommunications and France's negotiating position on movies and entertainment in the global trade talks in 1993. [At the White House, Leon E. Panetta, the chief of staff, said: "We are in discussions with the French. As far as I know our relationships are still sound," Reuters re-

The spectacle of one ally publicly demanding the withdrawal of another's diplomats for spying plunged French-American relations into perhaps the most bizarre crisis of their often tormented history. Pamela Harriman, the American ambas-

sador, rushed to Prime Minister Edouard Balladur's office Wednesday afternoon to discuss the affair, embassy officials said. The French Interior Ministry and the

Foreign Ministry, in an unusual joint

friend of the American government," he said. "Events like that occur regularly on both sides of the Atlantic." But old CIA hands and diplomats could not recall anything to match the disclo-sures, except at the height of the Cold War and then only when Moscow and Wash-

statement, said that the government had

not expelled the Americans, and had never

intended the affair to become public, but

that the American Embassy had been

asked to withdraw the diplomats for activi-

The statement did not say how many

Earlier in the day, Mr. Balladur had

tried to treat the matter lightly. "The

French people are friends of the American people and the French government is a

ties incompatible with their status.

diplomats were involved.

er's spy networks. The interior minister, Charles Pasqua, has been under fire this week for authorizing wiretapping that set back Mr. Balla-dur's campaign to succeed President Francois Mitterrand in elections this spring. Le Monde speculated that Mr. Pasqua could be trying to distract attention from the

ington periodically cleaned out each oth-

wiretapping affair. That friendly countries spy on each other is taken for granted. Two years ago. French officials were embarrassed by the disclosure of a 21-page government docu-

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## **Americans See Diversion** To Aid Balladur's Race

WASHINGTON -- The United States said Wednesday that French allegations of spying by American diplomats in Paris were unwarranted but declined to state what action might be taken.

The comments, contained in a written statement by the State Department, said: "We regard allegations in the French press, citing French government sources. concerning purported official U.S. activi-

ties as being unwarranted."
The statement added: "The handling of this matter in France is inconsistent with the approach that allies have taken to resolve sensitive matters in the past. There is no reason for expelling any Americans nor is the French government calling for it. We are reviewing the implications. Earlier, a U.S. official confirmed that

some Americans assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Paris had engaged in "political espionage." But he suggested that the publicity involved a "political scenario" that

could divert French public attention away from a domestic wiretapping scandal that has embarrassed Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, who is running for president

Tit this had been done according to normal protocol, it would have been done quietly," said the U.S. official. "It's not an uncommon occurrence."

Every few years, the official said, France or the United States uncovers spying by the other nation that causes friction, but normally out of public view.

Although there has been relatively little publicity over the years about spying between France and the United States, reports of serious infractions by one or the other nation have surfaced. The most recent U.S. concern involved allegations of industrial espionage by the French over the last 15 years, some of it freely acknowledged by a former senior French intelligence chief.

"The timing is perfect for Balladur," the U.S. official said. "The reality is that it will definitely draw some of the heat off of

him," he said, citing the wiretapping affair. Moreover, the official suggested that if the Americans were officially declared persona non grata by the French, a reciprocal action by the United States was possible.
The U.S. official declared that the

Americans in question had sought to recruit French government employees to obtain "political" intelligence and that they "have ambiguous ties to the embassy, which give them diplomatic status.' "It was espionage," he said, and was "tough to justify."

He said four Americans working at the U.S. Embassy had been singled out by the French, but that it was unclear whether all four had been engaged in recruiting French officials to pass information. Two of the four, he said, are publicly acknowledged CIA officers. He identified them as the CIA's chief of station in Paris and the agency's liaison to the embassy.

The U.S. official made it clear that a rift existed within the U.S. government about whether CIA agents, operating under dip-lomatic cover, should pursue "political" intelligence covertly at the same time the State Department was pursing such infor-

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## 95 Islamic Militants Killed By Algerian Forces at Jail

New York Times Service

PARIS — Algerian security forces killed at least 95 immates in an Algiers prison on Wednesday after rebelling Islamic militants murdered four guards.
Justice Minister Mohammed Teguia
said the police intervened after the inmates

took six hostages, slitting the throats of four and wounding a dozen employees of the jail. He said the inmates, many from Islamic armed factions fighting the government, were planning a mass escape of 1,000 prisoners.

The Serkadji jail is located at the top of the hilly, labyrinthine, working-class neighborhood known as the Casbah of Algiers, a stronghold of the fundamentalist revolt against the government.

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In the 1960s, the Casbah was the scene of some of the sternest resistance against French occupation troops, in what became known as "the battle for Algiers." The Algerians won their independence from France in 1962.

Now, Serkadji is said to hold a dozen leading figures of the Islamic opposition movements fighting to topple the ruling military junta.

Among them is Abdelkader Hachani, an engineer in his mid-30s who rose to become a key member of the secretive Supreme Conneil of the Islamic Salvation Front, the largest and most influential opposition party banned by the government

Mr. Hachani was jailed in January 1992 See ALGERIA, Page 6

## AGENDA

## NATO Chief Struggles With Scandal

The NATO secretary-general, Willy Claes, struggled Wednesday to stay clear of a bribery scandal stemming from the purchase of 46 Italian helicopters for the Belgian Air Force in the late

noon, saying he "vaguely" remembered the Italian helicopter maker Agusta of-fering bribes of 50 million Belgian francs in the late 1980s to get a military contract. (Page 5)

After again denying knowledge of

Media Mavens in Moscow THE AMERICAS Budget Cuts on Campus

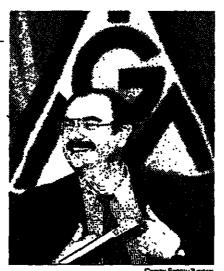
A Socialist Win in France?

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HEALTH/SCIENCE page 10. Science and Art at the Louvre

illegal payments Wednesday morning, Mr. Claes amended that in the after-

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A STRIKING SMILE - Werner Neugebauer, the leader of IG Metall in Bavaria, after announcing that union members voted to go on strike.

## Computer Hacking: It's Not Just for the Intellectuals Anymore

By Peter H. Lewis

NEW YORK - The arrest last week of a fugitive computer programmer, Kevin D. Mitnick, ended one man's spree of breaking into computer and telephone networks to steal information and services, federal

investigators say. But Mr. Mitnick was, despite his considerable technical skills, just one of thousands of shadowy figures who have been traversing public and private computer networks with relative impunity. Since Mr. Mitnick was jailed a week ago in North Carolina, there have been nearly 30 Internet break-ins serious enough to have been reported to the Computer Emergency Response Team, a government-financed security organization. The team declines to release any details for fear of further damaging the privacy and security of the ers of Mr. Mitnick.

There is an epidemic of computer security violations, and specialists said the problem would escalate unless the millions of new people pouring onto the Internet each year begin taking much greater care to protect themselves and their computers against in-

Some of the break-in techniques require sophisticated computing skills. Many hackers are now using automated software. But cyberspace is such an inter-connected world that even the simple theft of a single password can give a computer criminal a foot in a

"As more and more of American society gets on the Internet, we're more and more vulnerable to computer crime," said Kent Walker, an assistant U.S. attorney in San Francisco who was one of the principal pursu-

The Internet break-ins in the past week join thousands of unsolved computer crimes, which include a puter security. spate of break-ins last fall to corporate systems operated by such eager Internet newcomers as General Electric Co. and dozens of other companies, and intrusions last summer into hundreds of sensitive but unclassified computer systems operated by the U.S. Defense Department.

Cyberspace crimes are aimed at more than highlevel corporate and government computers. The arrival of millions of consumers onto commercial networks like America Online, Compuserve and Prodigy have attracted rogues, thieves and vandals to homes and

Specialists say that despite increasingly frequent reports of computer system intrusions and the growing importance of electronic information systems for all aspects of daily life, many companies and individ-

puter security.

In a report commissioned jointly last year by the Defense Department and the Central Intelligence Agency, a panel of security experts found "little public understanding of the threat or the consequences of

attacks on our systems." "Attacks against information systems are becoming more aggressive, not only seeking access to confiden-tial information, but also stealing and degrading ser-vice and destroying data," the Joint Security Commis-

sion's report said. Computer break-ins are not new, but the methods used by many data thieves are getting more sophisti-cated. According to Terry McGillen, a spokesman for the Computer Emergency Response Team, intruders

are using a wider arsenal of tricks, including the See NETWORK, Page 6

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## Go East, Media Mavens 2 Hit It Big With a Local Cosmopolitan

By Lee Hockstader

OSCOW - Derk Sauer is having a hard time with the grin on his face. He can't seem to get rid of it. He just may be the happiest

Scattered around his office, there are neat stacks of Playboy magazines from all over the world. Polish Playboy. South African Playboy. Dutch Playboy. German Playboy. American Playboy. Nearly all of them are tagged with little yellow Post-It notes on the inside pages - not the pictorials, Mr. Sauer says, but the articles.

"I'm working very hard these days," the Dutch native says, smiling merrily. "I have to read all these Playboys."

He adds, "I am absolutely not politically

As publisher of The Moscow Times, the five-day-a-week, English-language bible of Russia's expatriate community, Mr. Sauer has been a player on the local journalistic scene for several years. These days business is booming, and the former Maoist and onetime hanger-on with the Irish Republican Army is building an empire as a leading purveyor of American pop culture in Russia.

In the coming months he expects to begin publishing the Russian editions of Playboy (which he will also edit), Good Housekeeping and Harper's Bazaar, as well as a Russianlanguage business newspaper called The Moscow Times Kapital and an advertising trade magazine, also in Russian.

The real breakthrough for Mr. Sauer and his Dutch partner in Moscow, Annemarie van Gaal, came last spring when they launched the Russian-language edition of Hearst's Cos-mopolitan magazine. In a market where the dominant women's magazines had been such racy titles as Factory Worker Lady and Peasant Lady, Russian Cosmo caught on faster

than you can say "extramarital affair."

Demand and advertising for Russian Cosmo took off so quickly that every projec-tion was torn up within weeks. The magazine returned Hearst's investment of \$75,000 within a few weeks. After a cautious maiden press run of 60,000 copies last April, it has hit a monthly circulation of 350,000 and expects to reach at least 500,000 - and possibly as much as 1 million — this year. By spring the Russian edition is expected to overtake the German and British ones, becoming Cosmopolitan's largest foreign edition in the world. (There are 29 in all, including the U.S. edi-

R. Sauer and Miss van Gaal, as well as Hearst executives in New York, now routinely describe Russian Cosmo as a publishing

"Everything is possible here," says Miss van Gaal, 32, whose driving ambition and attention to the nuts and bolts of business complements and sometimes clashes with Mr. Sauer's laid-back style. "And the scale is incredible: 280 million people in the former

"I was in Russia in early December 1993," azines International, "and I remember walking around the streets of Moscow and noticing that not only were there no lines, but the shelves were full of goods and there were lots and lots of products and lots of competition." He adds, "And I said, "My God, the adver-

selves one from another.' And literally on that day I made a decision to do it." Moving quickly to capitalize on its success, Independent Media, the company founded by Mr. Saner, Miss van Gaal and four inves-

tisers are going to have to distinguish them-

tors in the Netherlands, intends to keep adding well-known magazines to its Russian lineup as fast as it can. Largely on the strength of Russian Cosmo, it expects sales this year to more than triple from the 1994 figure of about

N a joint venture with Hearst, Russian Good Housekeeping will appear as a bimonthly in May with an initial press run of perhaps 150,000. Like Russian Cosmo, it is to be printed in the Netherlands. Distributor demand and advertising are al-ready running well ahead of schedule, and pages are being added to the first issue.
In addition, negotiations are wrapping up

with Hearst for the Russian edition of Harper's Bazaar, perhaps for publication as early as August. Mr. Sauer and Miss van Gaal say that will be a good start on their goal of cornering the womens magazine market in

Russia by the end of the year.

The Russian Playboy deal, which Mr. Sauer and Miss van Gaal expect to close soon, would be their first major foray into the men's magazine market. (They tried an automotive magazine in Russian called Four-Wheel Drive in 1992, but it flopped.) Mr. Sauer says he is also considering a Russian magazine for teenage girls, on the order of Seventeen; another for well-to-do middle-aged women, along the lines of Mirabella, a parenting magazine and a magazine dealing with interior design and architecture.

With little in the way of lifestyle magazines available to Russian readers, periodical publishing might seem like a no-lose game here. In fact, Western publishers repeatedly lost their shirts in the two years after the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991.

One particularly unhappy experience was a Hearst biweekly newspaper published in both English and Russian, which is believed to have lost about \$5 million before it died in early 1994. Around the same time, The New York Times tried a slimmed-down Russian edition with a focus on international news. Scorned by readers and advertisers alike, it lasted barely a year.

ESTERN publishers agreed that Russia looked like the publishing promised land. But the problems of doing business, including the lack of a dependable distribution network, the government's fickle tax policy and the unreliability of Russian partners gave most potential investors cold feet.

"It's a great market out there," Mr. Sauer says, "but a lot of people who start something only look at the editorial part. The product is not the most difficult thing. It's 30 percent. You need marketing, sales, distribution."

To get their magazines to market, he and his partner started their own distribution company, Independent Distributors, which is 40 percent owned by the recently privatized Duich post, telephone and telegraph authority. They also profit from the company's flagship, the Moscow Times, which has proved an effective training ground for young Russian and foreign journalists in Moscow.

As important, Mr. Sauer maintains, is tailoring publications to the Russian market. Seventy percent of the articles in Russian which is edited by Mr. Sauer's wife, Ellen Verbeek, are not translations but original works by Russian journalists.

For the most part, Good Housekeeping, which will be known as Domashny Ochag, or "homey hearth," and the other titles being introduced this year will follow that pattern. In some cases, though, it will make more sense to borrow and adapt material from sister magazines - Playboy bunnies, for instance.

"Let's be practical," Mr. Sauer says. "If you find a Russian model, first you would



Mr. Sauer and Miss van Gaal with their publications. "It's a great market," he says.

have to send her to Miami for four weeks to get a decent suntan. Then you'd have to bring in photographers, stylists, designers. It's a whole circus. I think it's much more important that you have editorial content localized, and that we intend to do."

Mr. Sauer and Miss van Gaal say the key to success in Russia is flexibility. They make no attempts at market research, he says. "No one knows," he says. "There's no data, no record, no history, no idea. That's how we run this company, day by day. We are flexible as the

Mr. Sauer's pragmatism and business savvy seemingly found little outlet in his early career. The son of a prosperous Amsterdam pension fund manager, he quit school at age 14, decided he was a Communist and a Maoist and set about organizing Dutch trade unions at a chewing gum factory and a shipyard. In 1970 he went to Northern Ireland, where he lived in the Belfast home of a local IRA commander.

"I was a full-time revolutionary," he says. "I was arrested many, many times by the British Army because they knew that I knew a

FTER two years, he had had enough. The IRA's internecine squabbles left him disillusioned, and an assassination attempt at home on his militant host left him frightened. Mr. Sauer returned to the Netherlands and turned his attention to the anti-Vietnam War movement there.

He began working as a war correspondent for a leftist Dutch magazine, covering the usual run of revolutions and civil wars — Vietnam, Cambodia, Lebanon, Mozambique, Angola, Zimbabwe, Chile, Iran, Nicaragua, El Salvador.

By the time he returned to the Netherlands, Mr. Sauer was focused more on journalism than on revolutionary struggle. From 1981 to 1989 he was editor of New Review, a popular magazine that is part of the Dutch publishing giant VNU. Excited by the possibilities in Russia raised by glasnost, the company turned to Mr. Sauer

He was soon joined by Miss van Gaal, but their first project in Russia, a joint venture called Moscow Magazine, ended up mired in acrimony with the Russian partner. VNU lost \$1.2 million. The pair resigned from the company and started their own business, for which Mr. Sauer raised \$200,000 from a group of old friends back home.

In 1992 they produced The Moscow Times. whose solid journalism, crisp design and lively columns have proved popular.

But soaring newsprint prices and other costs put the paper in the red, and it became obvious to Mr. Sauer and Miss van Gaal that the key to growth lay in Russian-language

Miss Van Gaal, convinced that Russia was ripe for Cosmo, began to court Hearst's Mr. Green, who is in charge of international magazines. It was an uphill battle. Hearst had just been badly burned by the failure of the biweekly newspaper.

"I chased him all over the world by telephone and fax," she says. "I knew Cosmo could work here. You looked at Russian women, and you saw how they dressed, how they looked to the West, how they wanted to improve themselves. I knew if there was one magazine that shows you how your life can be, a shop window you can look in, this this way or that way, and that empowers you to do it, it was Cosmo."

Her hunch paid off. The next gamble is Russian Good Housekeeping, and expectations are nearly as high.

"It's a completely empty media land-scape," she says. "But on the other hand, it doesn't come easy, success. Money's not the whole thing. It's a feeling for the market, and it's hard work. You have to be based here and live here and have your family here.'

## Arafat Issues Call For Arab Summit On Peace Process

By Chris Hedges New York Times Service

CAIRO - Yasser Arafat, in an attempt to pressure Israel to set a date for the withdrawal of Israeli troops from most of the West Bank, called Wednesday for an Arab summit meeting and asked for increased international support

In a statement issued by the Palestine Liberation Organization's executive committee, following two days of talks, Mr. Arafat and his senior advisers described the current peace talks with Israel as stuck in a vicious circle and as increasingly difficult to continue.

But they did not call for an end to negotiations with the Israclis, and they reaffirmed their commitment to the peace ac-cord signed in 1993 in Washing-

"The committee believes it is important to discuss the consequences and dangers of a breakdown in the peace process by bolding an Arab meeting at the highest level in the framework of the Arab League as soon as possible," the statement read.

The PLO leaders also said they would send envoys to Arab states, the United States, Russia, European nations, China, Japan and other countries in an attempt to push Israel to withdraw its troops and permit elec-tions for a Palestinian govern-ment in the Gaza Strip and in the West Bank, most of which remains occupied by Israel.

scheduled to be held last July, following the withdrawal of Isracti forces. The plan to broaden the ne-

gotiating process, however, was greeted with a muted response from Egyptian officials.

"As for the regionalization or internationalization of the proof view that has been expressed,

after the PLO made its annonncement.

The 18-man PLO executive committee is the governing body of the PLO. It met every two weeks in Tunis during Mr. Arafat's exile.

Since Mr. Arafat's return to Gaza, however, its role has been diminished, and six of its members have either resigned or suspended their membership because they oppose Mr. Arafat's pact with Israel. The body last met in November and is to convene again in Tunis next month

The statement, read by Yasser Abed-Rabbo, a PLO spokesman and committee member, blamed Israel for the delay in moving its troops.

It also said that the peace process had "reached a real crisis because of constant Israeli obstruction, which led to slip-page in the timetable" and to "a freeze on various fundamental aspects of this agreement."

Israeli officials, however, say

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that they cannot redeploy their forces until Mr. Arafat cracks down on Islamic militant groups that have carried out several terrorist attacks against Israelis. And Israeli leaders have repeatedly voiced concern over Mr. Arafat's ability to maintain law and order. Mr. Arafat is angry, accord-

ing to senior Palestinian leaders who asked to remain unidentified, about what they termed "humiliating demands" made by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel in a meeting with Mr. Arafat last week.

These officials said Mr. Ra-Palestinian elections were bin had insisted that the Palestinian leadership prove it could ensure the security of Israelis before raising any more demands for expanding the selfrule agreement to the remainder of the West Bank.

The PLO executive committee also condemned Israel for a series of measures, including cess, this is a Palestinian point the confiscation of Arab land, the building and expansion of but there is still some time to go Jewish settlements and the efbefore doing so, I believe." For- fort to broaden the boundaries eign Minister Amr Moussa said of Jerusalem.

#### TRAVEL UPDATE

#### French Plan to Block U.K. Ferries

LILLE, France - Striking French seamen plan to cut off Britain from the rest of Europe on Thursday and Friday by refusing to sail ferries and blocking the entrance to the Channel Tunnel, union sources said Wednesday.

It was unclear whether they would be able to stop British ferries from entering French harbors. The union is protesting the British shipping company Meridian Ferries, one of the youngest and smallest competitors on the cross-channel shipping routes, for hiring non-European Union crews at low wages to offer cheaper Three of France's main labor unions called for the strike, the

sources added. The union has been staging protests against cheaper non-European Union staff since late-January. (Reuters) Air France warned Wednesday that its medium-haul flights would be disrupted Thursday by a strike by cabin crew. The company said its long-haul service would operate normally, except for one canceled flight from Paris to New York and another to Dubai and Abu Dhabi.

Air traffic controllers renewed a strike action at the Brussels international airport Wednesday, continuing protests of what they say are inadequate pensions and working conditions. The controllers began two-hour strikes twice a day last week during which flights at the airport were stopped. The United States, Canada and Australia will ban smoking on

nonstop flights among the three countries starting July 1. 1996, the Australian Transport Ministry said Wednesday. The ban will be extended to all Aus-

tralian international flights regardless of destination," Transport Minister Laurie Brereton said in a statement. (Reuters)

Direct flights between Ran-goon and Dhaka, Bangladesh, resumed Wednesday after seven years, aviation officials said. Flights were stopped in 1988 because of Burma's internal political situation and because of losses on the route.



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By Daniel Williams Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration will press Russia this week to show goodwill toward the West by joining a program of military cooperation with NATO.

The move would be seen as a step toward ending Moscow's opposition to expansion of the Vestern alliance. U.S. officials said they will

also use the visit here of Deputy Foreign Minister Georgi Mamedov to urge Russia to curb at least two initiatives they oppose as counter to U.S. arms control

They will ask Russia to give up plans to sell nuclear reactors to Iran, and to stop competing with a U.S.-backed international consortium to provide a nuclear reactor to North Korea. Provision of a light water reacatomic weapons program.

The talks with Mr. Mame-

dov, which began Wednesday. come at a time of relative tension between the administration and the government of President Boris N. Yeltsin. Keeping relations with Russia on track has become a major preoccupation of the Clinton administration.

The Republican majority in Congress has complained that aid to Russia is propping up an aggressive and increasingly repressive regime. But the administration wants to avoid derailing ratification by both sides of the START II nuclear arms re-

The administration is already battling a move by Congress to cut money promised last year for housing Russian military of-ficers withdrawn from the Baltic states. The pledge was a fac- Mr. Milosevic subsequently re-

"I will work very vigorously with Congress to try to sustain those programs," Defense Sec-retary William J. Perry said Tuesday. On another foreign affairs matter, a senior U.S. official

Tuesday expressed irritation with a weekend mission by For-eign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev to Beigrade. As part of a proposal devised by five nations, including the

United States and Russia, Mr. Kozyrev was to call on Presidení Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia to recognize Bosnia and Croatia in return for a lifting of United Nations economic sanc-

The plan was always a long shot. But Mr. Kozyrev, rather than take a tough line, advised Mr. Milosevic to hold out for the sanctions to be lifted first.

COUNTRIES

of mediators.

"The level of happiness here way toward easing hard feel-

is not high," a State Departings.
ment official said. Meanwhile, President Bill

Clinton has yet to say whether Peace, a program of military he will visit Moscow this May cooperation between NATO for celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the end of World But Moscow later reneged be-War II. Secretary of State War- cause of plans to expand ren M. Christopher attributed NATO to include former Soviet the reluctance to go both to satellites like Poland and Hunscheduling problems and dis- gary. gust with Russia's assault on the breakaway province of

The senior administration ofweek of civilian casualties in

the Russian attack.

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To meet Russia's concerns, Washington and its allies have held out the lure of a special Russian relationship with ficial characterized reports this NATO. Deputy Secretary of State Chechnya as "disturbing." The Strobe Talbott, who is talking reports, from a Russian human with Mr. Mamedov, will hand

rights commission, estimated him a letter from Mr. Clinton that 24,000 civilians had died in specifying the need to join the partnership before moving onto Agreement between the the special relationship, an ad-North Atlantic Treaty Organiministration official said. To call, just dial the Access Number for the country you're visiting, and you'll reach an English-speaking Sprint Operator – at no extra charge, It's that easy.

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### Spy-Swap Figure **Faces 2d Trial**

BERLIN — Wolfgang Vogel, the East Berlin lawyer who orplans to expand, would go some ganized East-West spy swaps during the Cold War, must face Early last year, Russia agreed another trial for allegedly exto join the Partnership for torting money from would-be East German emigrants, a court said Wednesday. and former East Bloc countries.

Mr. Vogel, one of the Cold War's most shadowy figures, is already on trial on charges he abused his position as East Berlin's unofficial East-West gobetween to make East German emigrants sell their property at cut rates to senior Communists.

A Berlin court ruled that 30 similar cases will be dealt with in a single separate trial. It rejected prosecutors' attempts to link the new cases with ones now being tried, ruling that current proceedings, now in their fourth month, should proceed. Mr. Vogel has testified he never forced anyone to relinquish property.

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#### THE AMERICAS

## Budget Cuts Force a Revamping of State Universities

By William H. Honan

NEW YORK - With the nation's new emphasis on cutting taxes and curbing government spending gover-nors and legislatures are reducing the budgets of state university systems and, in the process, forcing the most radical reshaping of public higher edu-cation since its rapid growth in the

Universities are raising tuition and cutting staff, as they did in 1992 and 1993 because of deep, recession-driven budget cuts, but this time they are also reducing the requirements for a de-gree, closing entire departments and

North Carolina plans hundreds of layoffs; Florida is encouraging students said: "Time creep — students staying

"We're living through the biggest change in the financing of public high-er education since the rapid expansion in the late 1960s," said Terry W. Har-tle, vice president of the American Council on Education the Muching Council on Education, the Washington-based association of colleges and

tuition goes up, enrollment among low- and middle-income students falls, and for those students a very important form of social and economic

are trying to prevent tuition increases by encouraging students to complete their degrees efficiently and move on. Less than half of students nationwide

only unhealthy for us but for students only unhealthy for make it more possible for more stu-dents to accelerate through their de-gree programs."

many state-supported institutions.

"This is not as heavy a cut as the one in 1990, but heavier than the last two

The proposed cuts are unusually severe in New York, where Governor

staff and reducing degree requirements.

George E. Pataki proposes eliminating nearly half a billion dollars, or 12.6

long-term erosion in financing for

cuts, and that makes it very significant," said Marvin K. Dorman Jr., North Carolina's state budget officer.

In California, the state subsidy for gun fighting the proposed cuts, gher education has gone from deep Educational leaders at public instihigher education has gone from deep cuts in the late 1970s to full recovery in the boom years of the 1980s. But during the last five years, the University of California's subsidy has been reduced by 25.5 percent and that of the California state university system by 21.3 per-

The result, according to a study by a Harvard University expert in higher education, David W. Breneman, leaves the California system in a state of emergency and ill prepared to meet an expected enrollment surge of nearly half a million students over the next

badly eroded faculty salaries nor enough to keep pace with inflation. Because many of the proposed cuts

are new, intense lobbying efforts, by local groups as well as the Washing-ton-based American Council on Education, are still in the planning stages, Nevertheless, students and faculty around the country have already be-

tutions have responded with steps to reduce faculty by attrition, administrative cutbacks and increases in faculty workload. One of the most talked about of these plans is the effort to increase what educators call "productivity": raising the number of students they educate with the same or a lower

The University of North Carolina has imposed a surcharge on courses above 140 credit hours; only 120 hours are required for graduation. Texas and Oregon are discussing the same thing. Montana is charging the steeper non-Last month, Governor Pete Wilson resident tuition to all students on

## **Ex-Chief** Of Interior

**HUD Affair** 

**Indicted** in

WASHINGTON - Former Interior Secretary James G. Watt was indicted Wednesday on charges of covering up his role as a housing consultant in the Reagan-era scandal at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Mr. Watt was charged with perjury, unlawful concealment and obstruction of justice\_

Mr. Watt is accused of having lied to Congress and to a grand jury investigating the housing scandal in the Reagan administration. He is also charged with withholding for more than four years docu-ments that contradicted his tes-

"I did not lie to the Congress or to the grand jury nor in any way obstruct justice," Mr. Watt said in a statement. "The Office of Independent Counsel lawyers know I have not violated

any criminal law." The independent counsel in the case, Arlin Adams, an-nounced that the investigation of Mr. Watt has made it possible for the Department of Housing and Urban Development to recover almost \$10 million in low-income housing

The money was awarded to a local housing authority in the Virgin Islands, a U.S. territory, in 1985 in connection with one of the projects that the indictment alleges was financed at Mr. Watt's request. Mr. Adams's staff said it discovcred, however, that the money was never used for low-income housing. This discovery will allow HUD to recapture the попеу.

The independent counsel said Mr. Wait's testimony and concealment interfered with his 5-year-old investigation and "added substantially to the investigation's length and its cost to the American taxpayers."
In June 1989, Mr. Watt testi-

fied before the House employment and housing subcommuttee investigating the HUD scandal. He testified about his work as a consultant seeking HUD money after he left the Interior Department in 1983 under pressure for having made a racial comment

The indictment alleges Mr. Watt was paid more than \$500,000 for lobbying Reagan administration appointees at HUD to get HUD financing from 1984 to 1986. In 1990, the indictment says, Mr. Watt testi-fied before a federal grand jury and was required by subpoena to produce documents regard-

ing his consultant activities.
The grand jury said Mr. Watt
lied in both appearances about numerous issues. Among these, the indictment said, were the nature of his meetings with Housing Secretary Samuel R. Pierce.

Contrary to Mr. Watt's testimony, the indictment said, Mr. Pierce supported for Mr. Watt's requests for HUD money, in-cluding for housing projects that Mr. Watt explicitly denied having discussed with Mr.

#### POLITICAL NOTES

#### White House Bends on Border Fees

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton on Wednesday backed off on a proposal to impose fees on border crossings from Canada and Mexico, making the plan a "local option." Alice M. Rivlin, the White House budget director, said in a letter to Congress that Mr. Clinton wanted "to let individual

states on the border, working with local communities, decide whether the fee should be imposed."

Mr. Clinton had proposed that individuals be charged \$1 to cross the border from Canada or Mexico, with a vehicle fee of \$3, in order to raise \$400 million a year to pay for improvements at crossing points.

ments at crossing points.

The plan was opposed by members of Congress from states bordering Canada, who contended it would hurt commerce and tourism. It also threatened to be an irritant during Mr. Clinton's meeting with the Canadian prime minister, Jean

Cretien, which opens Thursday in Ottawa. In her letter to lawmakers, Mrs. Rivlin said the president had decided, "with your concerns in mind, that a local option" would enhance the effectiveness of a border fee. targeting resources where they are most needed and most

#### Stick Up for Kids, Clinton Insists

WASHINGTON — Drawing new battle lines against Republicans, President Clinton pledged Wednesday to oppose Republican efforts to repeal school lunch and breakfast programs, saying "it would be a terrible mistake" to end them. "It seems to me this is one of the things that we hired on to do, to stick up for the interests of children," Mr. Clinton said

after a strategy session with House Democrats.

Mr. Clinton visited the Democrats on the 50th day of the Republicans' 100-day drive to vote on issues ranging from welfare reform and term limits to tax cuts and a balancedbudget amendment to the constitution.

Urging his party to stand united, the president singled out a Republican effort to end free meals in schools for poor

"An old conservative adage used to be, 'if it ain't broke, don't fix it,' "Mr. Clinton said. "Here's a program that isn't broke, that's done a world of good for millions and millions of children of all races and backgrounds all across our country and I think it would be a terrible mistake to put an end to it, to gut it, to undermine it."

Republicans want to repeal the school meals and a host of other programs for the poor, and replace them with block grants to the states. The states, in turn, could choose to spend the money as they wish.

#### House Opposes Minority Incentive

WASHINGTON - In a vote that reflected the Republican majority's dislike of affirmative action programs, the House has overwhelmingly approved a bill that would abolish a tax break intended to help minority groups buy television and

The bill, approved 381 to 44, would use the savings from ending the tax break to offset the loss of revenues from allowing self-employed people to deduct part of their health insurance costs from their taxes.

The vote came after the Republicans defeated a Democratic substitute that was intended to prevent abuses of the minority tax break without abolishing it entirely.

The Republican majority leader, Richard K. Armey of Texas, attacked the idea of special preferences for minorities.

Minority broadcasters are driven by the same motives as other broadcasters - to make money by getting high ratings," he said. The tax policy, he added, "is offensive to the principle that the tax code should be color blind."

The bill has a strong chance of passing the Senate, where a Republican majority also opposes affirmative-action pro-

#### A Promotion for Economic Adviser WASHINGTON — After weighing the decision for more than two months, President Clinton has elevated Laura D'Andrea Tyson, the chairwoman of the Council of Econom-

ic Advisers, to fill a vacant post as coordinator of the administration's economic policy.

In her new job as the head of the National Economic

Council, Professor Tyson will succeed Robert E. Rubin, who held the job until he was named Treasury secretary in December. She will move to the head of the table in cabinet-level discussions on economic policy, with power tantamount to that of the national security adviser.



Senator Alfonse D'Amato kissing his fiancée, Claudia Cohen, as they announced their marriage plans.

#### *Quote/ Unquote*

Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato, Republican of New York, at a news conference announcing that be intended to marry Claudia Cohen, a Democrat who is an entertainment reporter on the television talk show, "Live With Regis and Kathie Lee": "I have not fallen in love with her to win her vote."
(NYT)

## District of Columbia Is Insolvent,' General Accounting Office Declares

By Howard Schneider and David A. Vise Washington Past Service

WASHINGTON - The District of Columbia is "insolvent" and has money to operate only because it has failed to pay hundreds of millions of dollars to its creditors, according to the congressional agency that has reviewed the city's financial rec-

In blunt, harsh testimony delivered on Capitol Hill on Wednesday, John Hill, an official of the General Accounting Office, declared: "Today, the strated dissatisfaction with the district is insolvent. It does not have the cash to pay all of its

ing "is significantly above approved budgets" and it only has cash now because it is not pay-

workers' pay by 6 percent a year unless Mayor Marion Barry can win \$30 million from the unions.

we have to," Council Chairman David A. Clarke said. Mr. Clarke said the vote demonpace at which the mayor has moved to cut spending and was

"I like this approach," Mr. Barry said.

Representative James T. Walsh of New York, a co-chairman of the hearing, said the district could run out of money

#### **Away From Politics**

• Citing precedent, the Supreme Court re-fused to rein in Alabama judges' power to impose death sentences even if the juries recommended life in prison as the proper punishment. The 8-to-1 decision upheld the death sentence of Louise Harris for participating in a 1988 plot to kill her husband. The court also struck down a law that prohibited most federal employees from getting paid for speeches and articles, saying the ban violated free speech rights.

• A federal judge in New York ordered Amtrak, the federally subsidized passenger train

line, to stop ejecting people from Pennsylva-nia Station in Manhattan simply because they are homeless. The advocates for the homeless who sued Amtrak said the judge's ruling, which called Penn Station a public place where loitering could not be prohibited, applied equally to any site, whether a train station or a shopping mall, that provided almost unlimited public access. (NYT)

• The husband of a woman whose builet-riddled body was spray-painted, chopped up and deposited in public places in Texas and New Mexico was charged with murder, the police said. The man, James Patrick Bradley, 47, of El Paso, Texas, was being held in the killing of Susy Hahn Bradley, 34.

#### idding financial penalties for students taking courses beyond those needed for graduation. Among the 1,600 publicly supported two- and four-year colleges, New York would increase tuition, which is now \$2,500 a year, by as much as 75 finish in four years. percent and California, which now charges about \$4,000, by 10 percent;

**Detective Details** 

Gaps in Evidence

Simpson Case Investigators

Missed Some Blood Spots

to declare their major freshman year so longer and longer in college - is not

The Associated Press

the lead detectives in the O. J.

Simpson case testified Wednes-

day that vital blood evidence he

had asked to have tested was

either never analyzed or was not

collected until weeks after the

The detective, Tom Lange,

told the jury in the double murder trial that blood spots on

Nicole Brown Simpson's back

were washed off by coroner's

assistants, although he had

asked for them to be analyzed.

tents of Mrs. Simpson's stom-

ach, which could have helped

establish the time of her death,

were destroyed instead of being

ments in response to questions

by the lead defense attorney,

Johnnie L. Cochran Jr., as Mr.

Goldman was poorly handled.

wife and Mr. Goldman on the

vestigator had to be called back to the crime scene three weeks

later to a collect a blood smear

from a gate that he had been

told to take the day after the crime. Prosecutors have said the

blood on the gate matched Mr.

Simpson's, as did blood drops

the crime scene work completed at 3:45 P.M. on June 13, but

that he would not have done so

if had he known blood re-

mained on the gate. He testified

that he did not find that out

Mr. Lange also acknowl-

edged that the victims' hands were not separately covered

with bags to protect evidence when the bodies were removed

When Mr. Cochran asked if

U.S. Safety Panel

Urges Upgrading

Of Jet Recorders

WASHINGTON --- The Na-

tional Transportation Safety Board on Wednesday called for

the upgrading of the flight data

'recorders in airliners, especially

The traveling public de-serves to have available to them

the current technology," said a board member, James E. Hall.

The board makes recommendations to the Federal Aviation

Administration, which regu-

The recorders help investiga-

tors determine the cause of acci-dents and provide clues on pre-

venting crashes. Some older

planes, including many early

737s, record as few as five

pieces of data, among them the

altitude, airspeed, direction of

flight and vertical movement of

But more modern planes have recorders that can track

hundreds of pieces of mechani-

cal information, and the board

called for 737s to be upgraded

to add movement of the control

column, engine thrust, rudder

the plane.

the plane, the board said.

on Boeing 737 planes.

until July 3.

from the scene.

Mr. Lange said he declared

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Mr. Lange made his state-

In addition, he said, the con-

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universities. "I worry about what's happening." he continued, "because when college

opportunity disappears." For their part, university officials

Kevin P. Reilly, the associate provost for academic programs at the State University of New York system,

Universities are raising tuition, cutting

percent, from New York's public colleges and universities. The heads of the State University and City University systems, as part of their lobbying for a restoration of funds from the state legislature, have predicted faculty lay-

offs and tuition increases of \$1,000 to \$1,800 a year. More moderate — and more typical called for a 2 percent increase in the courses above 170 credit hours.

Wednesday, a transcript was made public detailing Denise Brown's reaction on the telephone when she learned her sister had been killed. "He did it," she told Mr.
Lange, according to an account
by Deputy District Attorney
Marcia Clark. The quotation

wrap the hands of the victims, Mr. Lange said: "That's one

In this case, Mr. Lange said,

the bodies were wrapped in

plastic sheets to preserve the

bodies, clothes and trace evi-

In another development

dence on the clothes.

way. There are other ways.

was contained in the transcript of a private conference between attorneys and the judge Tues-day. The judge ruled the jury could not hear Mr. Lange's account of the conversation because Ms. Brown had been stating an opinion.

Simpson's lawyers pressed their On Tuesday, Mr. Lange laid theory that the investigation into the murders of Mrs. Simp-son and her friend Ronald L. out the most complete theory yet heard from the witness stand of how the killings oc-curred. He said that Mrs. Simp-Mr. Simpson has pleaded not guilty to stabbing his former son was probably attacked first. making a quick stop at her night of June 12 outside Mrs. house when he was killed, his Simpson's condominium.

Mr. Lange said that a Los
Angeles Police Department incar keys still in his hand.



Detective Tom Lange inspecting a plastic bag containing dark glasses allegedly belonging to Nicole Brown Simpson's mother, which were introduced as evidence in the trial.

## Celebrity Trials: L.A. Tries to Spare Taxpayers

LOS ANGELES — Faced with severe budget restrictions along with the costly but fascinating O. J. Simpson trial, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has begun a mission to ensure that future high-profile court cases pay for

themselves.
The board began casting about Tues-

day for ways to shelter taxpayers from assuming some of the costs of such trials. Two suggestions were selling the rights to live video feeds or garnishing a share of the profits from the sale of videotapes.

Citing the costs associated with the Simpson murder trial, the board voted

last week to ask the state of California to

help pay for that case and for other high-

profile cases. The county is considering deep cuts in services and layoffs to close a huge budget deficit. The Simpson case has cost the county

nearly \$1.8 million, and Sheriff Sherman Block has advised the board that his department probably will spend nearly \$1.6 million more over the next five months for security in the trial.

## Independence Movement Stalls in Quebec

By Charles Trueheart
Washington Past Service

TORONTO - This year is supposed to provide a climax to Canada's longest-running national drama: a popular refer-endum in Quebec that should settle, one way or the other, the fitful demands of its Frenchspeaking people for indepen-

This week, however, no one is so sure. Despite the election last fall of the separatist Parti Québecois to govern the province of 7 million people, and despite the provincial government's ambitions to promote separation from Canada in a referendum the cause of a conscient dum, the cause of a sovereign Quebec appears to be nudging at a ceiling of support.

Opinion polls consistently show that no more than 40 per-

cent of Quebeckers are prepared to vote for their separatist government's proposed referendum question, which, if en-dorsed, would trigger the disso-lution of Canada and the division of its assets and liabil-

Forty percent is the same level of support the Parti Quebecois mustered in 1980, the only other time Quebeckers voted on quasi-sovereign status in economic association with Canada. "Manifestly, we have hit a roadblock with this question,"

Premier Jacques Parizeau of

Quebec said last week after the

latest Canadian Broadcasting pedal movements and positions Co. poll appeared. of the many control surfaces on Mr. Parizeau, separatism's most unequivocal champion, Planes built in recent years has since backed off that can be upgraded rather easily, gloomy prognosis. This week, while the cost of updating older need a winning question, and a two House subcommittees that some action in response to the clear one." The referendum, he oversee the city that its spend-city's financial crisis. he would say only that "we models could run from \$20,000 to \$70,000 per plane, the board

said, will be held before the end of the year.

But the man of the hour this

the medical ordeal has endowed disastrous signal of surrender it would send to English Canada.

"If we ever said no, we would

week is not Mr. Parizeau. It is other prominent separatist, who leads a powerful secessionist bloc in Canada's House of Commons and has not always read from the same script as

Mr. Bouchard has just emerged from 10 weeks of convalescence after losing a leg to an attack of necrotizing fascii-tis, the so-called flesh-eating terial disease. His first appearances on Canadian television this week confirmed that the referendum because of the staunch federalist.

Looking drawn but vigorous, Lucien Bouchard, Quebec's Mr. Bouchard said the press of events in Quebec had moved him to get back to work quickly. "We're living in decisive times in Quebec," he said. His words

ment in distress. Tacitly suggesting a delay in Mr. Parizean's planned plebi-scite, Mr. Bouchard warned that he would not want Quebeckers to be subjected to the consequences of a "no" vote in Minister Jean Chrétien, a

would send to English Canada.
"If we ever said no, we would
pay very dearly," he said Monday night in his first interview
on Quebec television. President Bill Clinton, who is to visit Ottawa on Thursday and Friday, is to meet briefly were read to imply that he was coming to the rescue of a movewith Mr. Bouchard, whose Bloc Québécois forms the official

opposition in the House of Commons. The meeting, the first contact between a U.S. president and a ranking Quebec separatist, is not at all to the liking of Prime

g its huge bills.

That financial news had a di
of Georgia; D.C. Delegate Eling its huge bills. rect impact on city employees, as the D.C. Council moved to impose a major pay cut on the would chair Wednesday's hear-city's 25,000 unionized workers. The mayor called the meet-The council voted unanimously Tuesday night to reduce union

"We don't like doing this, but

eanor Holmes Norton, and the two House Republicans who would chair Wednesday's hearing "historic" and praised Mr. Gingrich and his Republican colleagues for trying to help rescue the city from financial ruin without being "antagonistic."

designed to show Congress that in March and that Congress He told a joint hearing of the local politicians have taken and the Clinton administration

## Rival Militias Torpedo UN Peace Plan For Afghanistan



A man watching Wednesday as a tank sped past in southern Kabul. He seemed unfazed by bullets that whizzed overhead.

By John Ward Anderson Washington Post Service

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — A faltering United Nations peace plan for Afghanistan was in effect aborted Wednesday after rival militias that have virtually destroyed the capital with rocket attacks could not agree on how to form an interim council to run the country.

Mahmoud Mestiri, the UN special envoy, who has been conducting shuttle diplomacy between the warring militias for more than a year trying to draft peace formula, announced in Kabul that his most recent plan, scheduled to have gone into effect three days earlier, was being scrapped. He said a commission would be formed to renegotiate details of the old plan and to craft a new proposal to be implemented March 21.

Like all previous efforts to end the three-year-old civil war. which has claimed 20,000 lives, the UN plan fell apart over disagreement about who should belong to a proposed interim governing body and how to demilitarize the capital, which has been flattened by rocket duels between rival warlords.

In fact, Mr. Mestiri's peace

Although most of the key mili-tias had agreed to it, the plan faltered at the last moment when a new group, the Taleban, or "Islamic students," suddenly emerged as one of the most powerful forces in Afghanistan and dramatically altered the country's balance of power.

The Taleban has had a meteoric rise in popularity, capitalizing on widespread anger at how rival mujahidin, who previously fought together to expel Soviet troops from Afghanistan, have degenerated into power-hungry thugs fighting to control the country along ethnic, religious and tribal lines.

The main problem with Mr. Mestiri's plan came when President Burhanuddin Rabbani, whose Islamic Society now controls most of Kabul, insisted that the Taleban join a proposed interim governing coun-

the interim council be formed of "pious" Muslims from a geographic cross-section of the

In interviews at their base outside Kabul earlier this week. Taleban leaders said their demand for "pious" Muslims re-ferred to their opposition to some people who had been proposed for membership on the

Neither side would comprofused to step down.

Under Mr. Mestiri's new peace formula, officials from the United Nations, along with four prominent Afghans, will form a commission to continue negotiations and hammer out a new deal. Mr. Mestiri said Mr. Rabbani has now agreed to transfer power to an interim

Many analysts, however, say they believe that Mr. Rabbani is using the Taleban as a pretext not to relinquish his office, and question his sincerity about abiding by the new deadline.

Philippine naval craft were pa-Mr. Rabbani's government trolling within half a mile of two Chinese vessels guarding said Wednesday that it had capthe new structures on Mischief Reef. No untoward incidents chain of victories against Gen-Foreign Undersecretary Tonorthern warlord, Reuters remas Padilla said talks between

Manila and Beijing over the Spratlys dispute should begin

#### force to arrive at "a just and made competing claims since peaceful settlement" of Philip- last month of having captured Kunduz province.

Lockheed Scandal

five defendants died before the final verdict. Japanese courts often are reluctant to decide political cases, and some analysts speculated

that the Supreme Court delayed its ruling to limit its impact. preme Court here upheld an ex-In Wednesday's ruling, the ecutive's conviction for bribing high court upheld a two-and-a-

half-year prison sentence given by lower courts to a former chairman of Manubeni Corp., Hiro Hiyama. Marubeni, was Lockheed's agent when the case arose. Mr. Hiyama, 85, may avoid prison if he can demon-strate that his health would be endangered.

(AP, Reuters)

## BRIEFLY ASIA

## Seoul Bars War Games, for Now

SEOUL - South Korea said Wednesday that it had no immediate plans to hold a major military exercise with the United States, a move likely to ease strained relations with North Ko-

Prime Minister Lee Hong Koo said that Scoul was trying to maintain a low-key policy over contentious issues such as the annual round of war games, code-named Team Spirit, which Pyongyang lambastes as a rehearsal for invasion. He said Seoul does Korea an excuse to side-

not want to give North track from the main is-sues." He added, "It is a foregone conclusion that

Taleban leaders refused, at the same time demanding that

mise, effectively killing the plan. Mr. Rabbani, who had previously agreed to resign and transfer power to the interim council last Monday, has re-

council on March 21.

#### **■** Capture of Port Reported

tured a key river port on the border with Tajikistan in a eral Abdul Rashid Dostum, the ported from Islamabad.

The pro-Rabbani Kabul Radio said about 200 of General Dostum's militia members were also captured with large quantities of ammunition. There was no independent confirmation

Both the Kabul government Mr. Ramos also ordered the and General Dostum's Jumformation of a government task bish-i-Milli movement have

Prime Minister Lee in Seoul on Wednesday.

we are not going to have a major exercise on our side at this

Further steps to persuade Pyongyang to end its international isolation will be taken this week during a visit by the U.S. assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs, Winston Lord. He is expected to discuss plans to encourage the North to speed up detente following last October's nuclear agreement between the United States and North Korea.

#### Peace Fails in Papua New Guinea.

SYDNEY - Moves by the Papua New Guinea government to end a six-year secessionist war on Bougainville and restore peace lie in tatters with the island again isolated from the rest of the South Pacific nation.

"All flights to the island have now been suspended," a spokesman for Prime Minister Sir Julius Chan said from the capital of Port Moresby on Wednesday. "It is a disaster for the people living on the island."

On Tuesday, gummen believed to be members of the Bougainville Revolutionary Army opened fire on the one commercial aircraft that flies to the island daily, killing a Bougainvillean civil servant and wounding a passenger. Activity by the rebels has escalated in recent weeks with two Papua New Guinea Defense Force soldiers killed this month and numerous ambushes and attacks on the island, a government spokesman said.

#### Pakistan Accuser Reverses Stance

LAHORE, Pakistan - The key accuser of two Pakistani Christians sentenced to death for blasphemy against Islam reversed himself Wednesday and said he now wanted to testify against the defendants at an appeal hearing.

Fazlul Haq, who withdrew from the case two days ago, told the Lahore High Court that he had been under coercion by the police and the Punjab government to withdraw. The administration had taken his family hostage, he said. But after his withdrawal, his family was set free, and he had sent them to a safe place, he told the court. When he withdrew from the case, he had claimed his life had been threatened.

The court allowed his application, but said it was not yet clear whether he had been coerced. However, it ordered that he receive police protection. Salamat Masih, 14, and his uncle, Rehmat Masih, 40, are appealing the death sentences they received earlier this month on charges of blaspheming Islam. Mr. Haq's withdrawal had strengthened their case. (AFP)

#### A Close Race in Indian State Vote

GUWAHATI, India - The governing Congress (I) Party was running neck and neck with its regional rival on Wednesday in the first of six states to count ballots in assembly elections that could prove pivotal for Prime Minister P. V.

With 45 of 59 races decided in the state of Manipur, the opposition Manipur People's Party and Congress had clinched 15 seats each. Congress, which won 26 of 60 seats in the last polls in 1990, led the outgoing government with the support of independents but was expected to head for a close finish with the Manipur People's Party in a hung assembly.

Manipur is one of six states holding assembly polls that will test the political winds before general elections that Mr. Rao is due to hold by March, 1996.

#### **VOICES** From Asia

Kam Cheung, publisher of the China-watching magazine Open, on reports that an influx of foreign media seeking to make Hong Kong their window to China has Beijing considering restrictive television and press laws there: "China will definitely interfere in controlling the press in Hong Kong after the takeover in 1997."

Finance Minister Masayoshi Takemura of Japan, pressed to explain a government bailout of two failed credit unions, warning other troubled financial institutions not to expect similar help automatically: "In the future, it is inevitable that there will be cases of banks going bankrupt."

Foreign Minister Gareth Evans of Australia, saying international pressure on Indonesia to resolve the question of East Timor's future was having minimal effect in Jakarta: "Frankly, I'm not sure what impact we're having beyond the Foreign Ministry, which has always been sensitive to that degree of international concern. It's the case for most other people in the Indonesian system and military and elsewhere, that East Timor seems a small problem far away."

Yasuo Matsushita, the Bank of Japan governor, on the Japanese economic outlook: "The Kobe earthquake won't derail Japan's moderate recovery."

North Korea to Open Its Gates

### Arts and Sports Festival to Welcome Tourists and Their Cash

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ВЕЦЛИС — North Korea hopes to attract up to 20,000 visitors for a festival of arts and sports in the biggest opening to Korea as a tourist must be made foreigners since the country was through the official Korea Inone of the world's last Commu-

officials said Wednesday. North Korea will relax its was not likely to attract as tight visa regulations to enable many as 20,000 foreigners, givvisitors to attend the Pyong- en a shortage of planes, trains yang International Sports and and ships and the high prices it Cultural Festival for Peace, said is charging.

Kim Ryong Hwan, representa- North Korea is organizing Kim Ryong Hwan, representative for the Korea International Travel Co. in Beijing.

The sports festival will be April 28 to 30, but the country plans a tourism promotion from April 25 to May 5.

"We expect 10,000 to 20,000 visitors, the largest inflow of foreigners since the state was tivity, founded," Mr. Kim said. "We Vis ROME — About 8,000 po
Japanese." He said South Koreans would not be allowed to divides the Korean Peninsula. visit unless they held a passport

them, so they will be offered leaving from Beijing.

with Korean families," he said. "This is a unique opportunity." All requests to visit North ternational Travel Co. Diplomats said Pyongyang

the festival to promote tourism and increase its foreign exchange holdings, Mr. Kim said. People familiar with the North report a country desperately short of money, with worsening food shortages, power outages and falling industrial produc-

Visitors will be offered tours are relaxing visa requirements, of up to 11 days to scenic spots especially for Americans and in North Korea and to Pan-

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#### **Muslim Rivals Clash** At Ethiopian Mosque

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia --The authorities ordered rival Muslim groups Wednesday to stop feuding after nine people were killed and about 130 wounded in clashes at the largest mosque in the capital. Addis Ababa authorities said

Tuesday's violence at the Great Anwar mosque was sparked by rivalry between two groups that both claim to be representatives of Ethiopia's Islamic Affairs Supreme Council. The authorities said they had arrested more than 50 leaders of the two groups.

## 'Ghost' Workers a Costly Drain on Cambodian Bureaucracy

PHNOM PENH — A Cambodian government census of its civil service has found 3,487 "ghost" workers on the payroll, the Information Ministry

said Wednesday. The ghosts are civil servants who do not exist but are being paid salaries, pocketed by corrupt offi-

An Information Ministry spokesman, Ung Tea Seam, said 146,311 civil servants were paid in De-

cember, but only 137,604 people had registered during a national census on Feb. 7.

"This means 8,707 were absent but 5,220 of these absentees had an explanation, which means 3,487 were so-called ghost civil servants," he said. About \$55,000 is being paid to the ghosts each month, he

The average salary of a civil servant in Cambodia is 60,000 riels a month (\$23), well below the minimum basic wage to support a family, estimated to be

Many Cambodians holding low-paid jobs in the public sector report to work in the morning and then leave to begin their second job. Some common examples in Phnom Penh involve

police working as security guards, or employees in the Foreign Ministry working as interpreters.

The disclosure came as Cambodia tried to counter criticism by foreign donors over corruption both in its civil service and military, where "ghost soldiers"

are also known to exist.

## Philippines Increases Its Profile in Contested Islands

MANILA — The Philippines said Wednesday that it was building lighthouses and running naval patrols close to a Chinese-held reef in the Spratly Islands as the two governments prepared to discuss their terri-

President Fidel V. Ramos said that the lighthouses "ensure safety at sea for all nations

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China's ambassador to the Philippines, Huang Guifang, giving no further details, said that "both sides are now work- of the report.

pine claims in the Spratlys.

## **Japan Court Closes**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO — Japan's Lock-heed scandal, which dominated headlines for a decade and became a symbol of political corruption, finally ended after 19 years Wednesday as the Su-

a prime minister. The court's decision was an indirect final judgment on Ka-kuei Tanaka, the former prime minister at the center of the scandal.

The case stemmed from allegations that while in office Mr. Tanaka took about \$1.8 million in bribes from Lockheed Corp. It marked the start of a tortuous two decades of corruption exposure in Japan. And in the United States, it prompted a clampdown on overseas "dona-

tions" by corporations. Mr. Tanaka was convicted in lower courts of taking money indirectly from Lockheed in 1972 in exchange for influencing All Nippon Airways to buy the U.S. company's planes.

While many cabinet ministers have been implicated in similar scandals, Mr. Tanaka remains the only postwar prime founded in 1948, North Korean minister to have been convicted of taking bribes. He was sentenced to four years in prison but never served because he died while his case was under appeal.

The length of the case illustrated the difficulty of prosecuting political corruption in Japan. The scandal was first uncovered in 1976 after testimony in the U.S. Congress by a Lockheed executive, but it dragged through the courts for so long that many key witnesses and

## Police Protest Ties Up Rome

lice paralyzed traffic in Rome's historic center Wednesday from another country. when they marched through the capital to demand new work have enough hotels to handle as starting at \$712 for four days,



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## French Socialists Could Win, Centrist Says



Prime Minister Balladur, left, and Budget Minister Nicolas Sarkozy on Wednesday.

By Barry James national Herald Terbune

PARIS — France's Socialist Party could win the presidential elections for the third time in a row because of scandals dog-ging the conservatives, a former prime minister. Raymond

Barre, said Wednesday.

Although the Socialists were badly defeated in legislative elections in 1993, they have managed to reorganize under a leader, Lionel Jospin, who "is full of integrity," Mr. Barre told the Anglo-American Press Association.

Mr. Barre declined to be drawn on his own plans to enter the campaign for the elections. the first round of which is scheduled for April 23.

Mr. Barre, a centrist, said a "very unpleasant" phone-tapping scandal had damaged the overnment of Prime Minister Edouard Balladur because of an apparent attempt by Mr. Balladur and the interior minister, Charles Pasqua, to interfere with the judicial process.

The bungled wiretap was seen as an attempt to impede the investigation of an examining magistrate, Eric Halphen, into kickbacks on public housing and the possibility that these may have been used to finance Mr. Balladur's Rally for the Republic party.

Mr. Barre said he disagreed with Socialist policies to redistribute income but had to acknowledge that Mr. Jospin's personal and intellectual integrity "is his biggest asset."

Following the resignation of three ministers in corruption affairs and now the wiretap scandal, the government's record of probity has taken a battering. It and his right-hand man, Mr. unity.

Pasqua knew about and outher fized the wiretap on Mr. Hul-phen's father-in-law, in what appeared to have been a sting operation that went wrong.

The operation noomeranged firstly because wiretapping is iilegal unless linked to state seenrity, terrorism and organized crime, and secondly because Mr. Halphen's investigation appeared to be leading in a compromising direction for the gov-

Mr. Jospin, 57, a former economics professor and immister. of education, appeared to have managed to unite the divided Socialist Party even before pre-senting his electoral program next month. Three separate polls published Wednesday put him even or slightly ahead of Mr. Balladur and the other main candidate on the right, the mayor of Paris, Jacques Chirac, in the first round of voting on

But the polls said that Mr. Balladur still had the best chance of winning the second round on May 7. A second round is called when no candidate gets an outright majority in the first.

The right has become increasingly divided by the rivalry between Mr. Balladur, 65, and Mr. Chirac. 62. That division was evacerbated by the wiretap scandal, after Mr. Pasqua scathingly accused Mr. Chirac of exploiting it.

Mr. Chirac, also a member of the Rally for the Republic, played down the issue on Wednesday, saying it did not concern him. He also promised that he would support Mr. Balladur in the second round of the election if necessary.

Other senior politicians on became clear that Mr. Balladur the right called for calm and

## Bonn Would Help Bosnia

BONN - Germany has offered to contribute 2.000 troops for a NATO force to cover any pullout of UN forces from Bosma-Hercegovina. the government spokesman, Dieter Vogel, said Wednesday. The offer would be subject to approval from the German Parliament, he said.

Should the mission go ahead, it would be Germany's first multary operation in a European combat some since World War II. The issue inggered fierce debate in Germany last December when Bonn first informed the North Atlantic Treaty Organization that it would provide mili-tary help should the Atlantic alliance decide to cover any pullout of UN troops from Bosnia.

But the new announcement took Germany's offer one step further by including the use of ground troops. The December offer had included aircraft, sea versels and medicar units, but had ruled out sending troops because of the abuses committed by the Nazism the former Yugosla-

Mr. Vogel said that although German units vere designated to take part and preparations had begun, a final decision had not been made on German participation. He said a decision would be made only in the event of a UN retreat and any actual NATO operation. (AFP)

#### Animal Transport Pact

BRUSSELS — European Union farm ministers are close to reaching an agreement on limiting journey times for live farm animals, despite failing to agree to a pact in a two-day meeting

that ended early Wednesday, EU officials said. The spokesman for the European Commission, Gerry Kiely, said the ministers felt "that a conclusion can be found fairly soon using the compromise which is on the table." He said the ministers' differences had "narrowed quite substantially" by the end of the meeting.

They will try again for a deal, possibly next month, said the German farm minister, Jochen Borchert. The ministers failed to break an 18month impasse netween northern countries that export live animals and the south's importers over how long animals can be transported.

#### Norway Reviews Ban

OSLO - Norway is reviewing its five-year ban on hunting baby seals, and will maintain a quota of 301 minke whales for this year's whaling

season, the Fisheries Ministry announce Wednesday.

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Norway stopped killing seal paps in 1989 i response to an international outery, althoughtate-subsidized hunts for adults were allowed to continue, partly to control population. Similar protests forced the country to stop commercial whaling for six years.

The ministry spokesman, Bernt Ellingsen, said Norway's sealing commission has recommended that weaned seal pups he hunted again this year

European Union events scheduled for Thursday PANAMA CTTY: Ministerial meeting between EU and Central American countries of the San José group. The EU wants more communication with these countries.

BRUSSELS: Transportation Commissioner Neil Kinnock will meet with the head of Alitalia the Italian national airline.

BRUSSELS: Rudolf Scharping, the head of Germany's Social Democratic Party, will visit the European Commission and meet President

Jacques Santer. BRUSSELS: The European Parliament will hold a seminar on the information highway by

fore the G-7 meeting here on the weekend. VILNIUS: Hans van den Broek, commissione: for relations with the former Soviet Union, is on an official visit to Lithuania, where he will meet

members of the government. LONDON: Mario Monti, commissioner for iternal markets and financial services, will mee Michael Howard, British secretary of state to

the Home Department, and Kenneth Chirks chancellor of the Exchequer. BRUSSELS: Jacques Delors, former presiden

of the commission, will take part in a discussion at the Institutional Commission of the European Parliament, in preparation for the 1996 Intergovermental Conference.

BRUSSELS: The commission's new director of the environment, Marius Enthoven, takes part in a debate on "The environment in Europe: New policies and company strategies," organized by the Brussels Club.

## Claes 'Vaguely' Recalls Bribery Talk

By Tom Buerkle International Herald Tribune

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BRUSSELS - The secretary-general of NATO, Willy Claes, was further embroiled in a Belgian bribery scandal Wednesday as he acknowledged that he "vaguely" remembered discussions of bribes offered by the Italian helicopter maker Agusta.

Mr. Claes had denied any knowledge of illegal payments by Agusta in a morning radio interview, but then reversed himself after Belgium's foreign minister disclosed that bribes were discussed at a 1989-meetingthey had attended together.

Both Mr. Claes and Foreign Minister Frank Vandenbrouke said Agusta's offer to pay 50 million Belgian francs (\$1.6 million) to their Fiemush Socialist Party was refused and never discussed again. But the latest disclosures were a embarrassment to Mr. Claes, who on Tuesday won the unanimous backing of the 16 NATO ambassadors after telling them he had "never been involved directly or indirectly" in the affair.

"Clearly, this is something everybody could do without," a NATO official said.

In a statement, Mr. Claes expressed his "absolute and unconditional readiness to cooperate and help in every way with the inquiry" into the affair.

Belgian radio reported that the judicial authorities want to question Mr. Claes, who does not have diplomatic immunity.

On Monday, authorities searched the office and home of Karel van Miert, a European Commissioner and chairman of the Socialist Party at the time of the alleged bribes.

The Agusta scandal broke out last week after Etienne Mange, a former Socialist Party treasurer, told investigators that Agusta paid 50 million francs to the party to secure a contract to sell 46 helicopters to the Belgian Air Force and informed Mr. Claes and Mr. Vandenbrouke.

Mr. Vandenbrouke told BRTN radio that Agusta was ready to make a gift," but added that the offer was turned down.

After hearing those comments, Mr. Claes told BRTN: "I vaguely remember that Mange said, in passing, that the Italians were offering money. After that we never spoke about that again. Never again."



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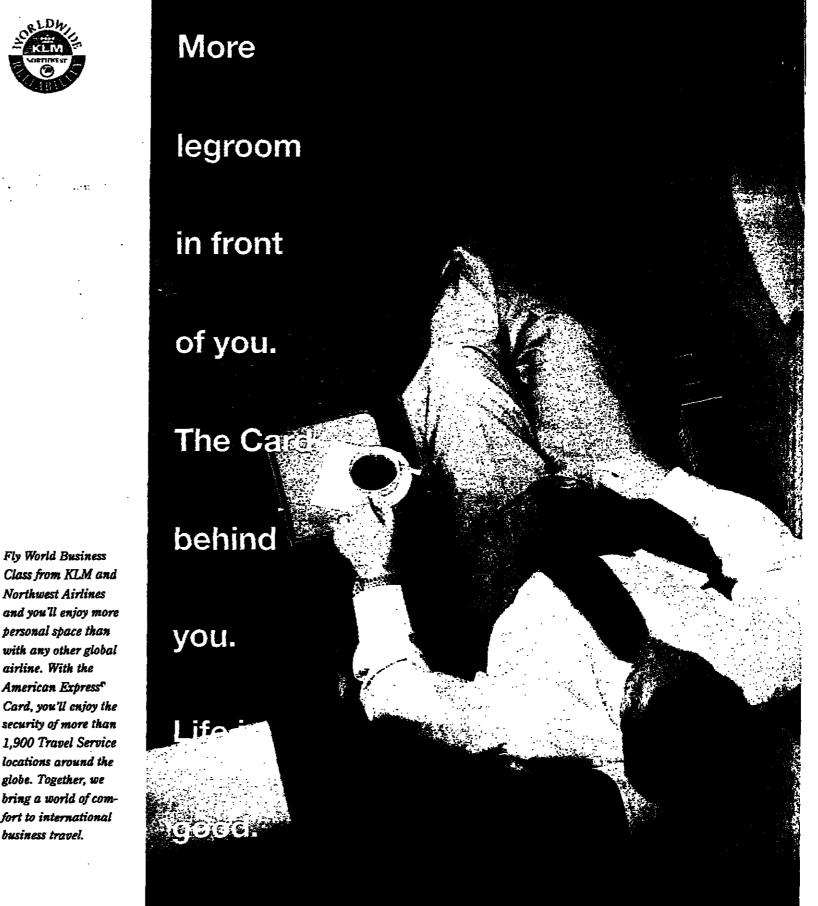
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### Wartime Role of L'Oréal Chief Is Probed

By Brett D. Fromson Washington Post Service

NEW YORK — The Justice Department is looking into the World War II activities of Andre Bettencourt, a political ally of President François Mitterrand of France and a businessman who controls the giant cosmetics company L'Oreal SA.

The department wants to de-termine whether Mr. Bettencourt should be denied entry into the United States because of recently discovered French documents showing that he wrote anti-Semitic propaganda during World War II for publications linanced by the Nazis.

The investigation was made public in New York City on Tuesday by Serge Klarsfeld, a Frenchman who has uncovered numerous Nazi activities. Mr. Klarsfeld released a copy of a letter sent to him by the Justice the department confirmed that an inquiry was under way.

Mr. Klarsfeld also released copies of Mr. Bettencourt's wartime writings, obtained from French archives, in which he wrote admiringly of Nation-

In addition, Mr. Klarsfeld made available documents from the Office of Strategic Services, the World War II forerunner of the CIA, which suggested that by August 1945 Mr. Bettencourt was assisting the French Resistance. Mr. Betten-Department A spokesman for court obtained money from OSS officials in Switzerland to be used to finance the activities of Mr. Mitterrand, a Resistance

L'Oreal issued a statement saying that "nothing that Mr. Bettencourt wrote more than 50 al Socialism and disparagingly years ago has any relevance to of Jews.

### **EUROPEAN TOPICS**

### Oxbridge Principals Quit Club

Over Its Treatment of Women The principals of nearly all the colleges at Oxford and Cambridge resigned en masse Wednesday from an elite club they say is offensive to women.

A total of 69 of 73 college heads said in a joint statement that they were dissociating themselves from the United Oxford and Cambridge University Club, in London, be-cause of its policy of denying full membership to women. And the two universities issued a statement declaring their "distaste" at the

Women graduates must settle for lady associnte status — like the wives and daughters of male graduates. They pay a smaller fee, cannot vote on club affairs and are not allowed to use the members' bar, the marble staircase or. the club's fine library.

#### **Around Europe**

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Nearly forgotten amid the tension between Belgium's Flemish and French-speaking communities is the small German-speaking. population. While both of the other groups have their fervent advocates of separatism, the unity-minded German-speakers are now

the "last Belgians." says Le Soir of Brussels. They were in fact, the last to join the Belgian kingdom. Under Austrian and then Prussian rule, these nine German-speaking communes — Belgium's "Alsacc," as some say -- came under Belgian rule only in 1919, with the Treaty of Versailles.

Because of their language, they were annexed by the Third Reich on May 18, 1940. Men were forced into the Wehrmacht; many were sent to the Russian front. There is still some lingering resentment from their non-German-speaking neighbors in Belgium.

Yet, the German-speaking community, which enjoys a fair degree of autonomy, notably in matters of culture and education, includes some of Belgium's strongest monar-chists. The community — most of its 68,000 members are bilingual — has even selected the royal feast day (Nov. 15) as its own day of celebration.

And when anyone raises the question of loyalty, one hears the same response throughout the nine communes: "We are Belgian, not German."

The French want a woman to be their next prime minister, a poll shows. If Prime Minister Edouard Balladur or Mayor Jacques Chirac of Paris is elected president, the French favor Simone Veil, minister of health and social affairs. If the Socialist candidate, Lionel Jospin, prevails, the largest percentage of those polled lavors Martine Aubry, former labor minister. France's first woman prime minister was Edith Cresson, who served in 1991 and 1992

"Lean management," a hot phrase among German executives (who usually say it in English), apparently hasn't gone far enough. Seventy-one percent of German managers admit to having paunches they would like to be rid of. Sixty-two percent blame too many business lunches; 23 percent say they sit around too much.

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## Robert Bolt, 70, British Writer Who Won Two Oscars, Is Dead

LONDON - Robert Bolt, 70, a British playwright who was a master of historical epics and who who won Hollywood Oscars for "Dr. Zhivago" and "A Man For All Seasons," died Monday, his agent said

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Wednesday.
He died watching television with his wife, the actress Sarah Miles, whom he had married, divorced and remarried.

Mr. Bolt, a workaholic who 16 years ago suffered a stroke that left him partly crippled, was adapting Jung Chang's best-selling autobiography. "Wild Swans" when he died. Mr. Bolt had just completed a film about the young Richard Nixon for American television.

In the 1960s, he and the director David Lean took Hollywood by storm with a string of hits, including "Lawrence of Arabia" and "Ryan's Daugh-

sume the project and also completed the screenplay of the of that name, highly acclaimed film "The Yan Chernya Mission" in 1986.

Calder Willingham, 72, A Novelist and Screenwriter NEW YORK (NYT) - Cal-

der Willingham, 72, a novelist and screenwriter whose first book, "End as a Man," made him a literary star at 24, died of lung cancer Sunday in Laconia, New Hampshire. Mr. Willingham was a mem-

ber of the widely heralded gen-eration of young, salty writers of naturalistic fiction, including Norman Mailer and James Jones, who came to the fore in the postwar era.

Although he published 10 novels between 1947 and 1975.

ny on Wednesday. He said Rus-

also active in the area but that

Chechen fighters had so far

Grozny from Chechen defend-

that began Dec. 11. The city

center was destroyed by weeks

A cease-fire expired Sunday.

and the battle for Grozny and

its suburbs resumed Tuesday.

Having rooted out most Che-

chen fighters in Grozny and iso-

lated the city, the Russian

troops have improved their po-

sition in Chechnya enormously.

In the village of Kurchaloi, 40 kilometers (25 miles) south-

east of Grozny, the Chechen

leader, Dzhokar Dudavev, criti-

cized the international commu-

nity as not working to end the

fighting, the Interfax news

ing the town.

of bombardment.

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## Russians Seal Off Grozny **Amid Reports of Shelling** Compiled by Our Staff From Dupatches of the town of Argun, 19 kilo-GOITY, Russia — Russian meters (12 miles) east of Groz-

forces have sealed off the Chechen capital, Grozny, and begun shelling outlying towns and villages, witnesses said Wednes-

A spokesman in Mozdok, the Russian military headquarters, told the Itar-Tass news agency Tuesday that troops had cut off the last roads into Grozny used by rebel snipers.

Ruslan Masayev, a 28-yearold Chechen fighter in Goity. about 13 kilometers (8 miles) south of the capital, said Wednesday, "The Russians cut the Rostov-Baku highway into Grozny with tanks vesterday afternoon and then moved west. occupying Alkhanyurt.

"We counted 32 tanks and armored vehicles on the main road vesterday," he added. They shelled our village last night and we returned fire, destroving two Russian tanks and one armored vehicle.

A photographer for Reuters agency reported Wednesday. reported heavy Russian shelling

Felled in 1978 by a stroke he was probably better known while working with Mr. Lean for his work on screenplays, inon "Bounty," a version of the story of an 18th-century mutiny, Mr. Bolt recovered to resume the motion of the story of the "Rambling Rose" (1991), which he adapted from his 1972 novel

Yan Chernyak, 85, Was Spy For Soviets in Nazi Germany

MOSCOW (AP) - Yan Chernyak, 85, a former Soviet intelligence agent who ran an elaborate spy network in Nazi Germany for 15 years and helped Moscow develop its nuclear weapons program, died Sunday, a week after he was decorated as a war hero in his hospital bed.

As a military intelligence agent in Germany from 1930 until the end of World War II. he created a huge network. Information he obtained was used to devise the first Soviet radar, Russian officials said.

William A. Moffett, 62,

Dead Sea Scrolls Librarian NEW YORK (NYT) - William A. Moffett, 62, a historian and librarian who was instrumental in breaking the 40-year monopoly on scholarly access to the Dead Sea Scrolls, died of bladder cancer Monday night at his home in Pasadena, California.

As head of the Huntington Library in San Marino, one of sian helicopter gunshios were the world's largest independent research libraries, Mr. Moffett in 1991 announced that the library's photographic archive of the Dead Sea Scrolls would be available to all qualified scholars, not just those approved by ers in early February, after the international team of editors that had so long limited nearly two months of fighting access to a chosen few.

> Haymo Täuber, 87, former director of the Vienna Boys' Choir and a guest conductor for the Vienna Symphony Orchestra and the London Philharmonic, died of cancer in Monterev. California.

Robert B. M. Barton, 91, the president of Parker Brothers, who first rejected and then acquired the rights to Monopoly, died Feb. 14 in Marblehead, Massachusetts.

Kim Sang Hyup, 75, former South Korean prime minister and National Red Cross chairman, died of a heart attack (AP. Reuters) Tuesday in Seoul.



Ambassador Pamela Harriman of the United States leaving the office of Prime Minister Edouard Balladur in Paris on Wednesday after discussing the spying accusations. French secret services.

## ESPIONAGE: Diversionary Ploy?

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mation through official channels. The official said he was offering background information in the hope that it would result in a debate in the government about whether the CIA was "undermining the integrity of the State Department France and elsewhere in Europe by collecting political intelligence covertly.

The CIA often seeks covertly to "verify and confirm" information that U.S. diplomats are obtaining through normal channels, this official said. "It's a game that all countries play,"

The "game" has been played for decades. According to the 1987 book "Spycatcher," by Peter Wright, a former official in Britain's MI5 intelligence service, U.S. agents placed listening devices inside the French Embassy in Washington during the Cold War.

A 1991 book, "Cold War-nor," by a British journalist, Tom Mangold, asserts that U.S. agents stole codes and other materials from the French Embassy in Washington in 1963 because they feared Soviet penetration at high levels of the

Later that year, Philippe Thyraud de Vosjoli, the French intelligence chief in Washington, rejected orders from Paris to steal secret U.S. military and scientific documents and went into hiding, inaugurating a long and bitter break in relations between the two countries' intelligence services.

In 1989, a French woman, Maria Lamant, who had worked in the travel office of the U.S. Embassy in Paris, resigned after being accused by U.S. officials of spying. According to the woman's daughter, who had also worked at the embassy and subsequently sought asylum in the United States, Mrs. Lamant had access to the hotel suites of visiting U.S. officials and members of Congress and regularly went through their papers and passed infor-mation to the French secret ser-

The U.S. official interviewed Wednesday said Mrs. Lamant represented a serious security breach by alerting the French intelligence services to the hotel locations of U.S. officials and private business executives so that papers could be copied during break-ins. Mrs. Lamant. denied that she was a spy.

According to reports pub-lished in 1990 in France and the United States, U.S. officials found evidence late in 1989 that France had recruited spies in-Until Jan. 27, the report said, the techniside two big computer companies, IBM and Texas Instruments.

In 1993, the United States obtained a copy of a sensitive French intelligence document, the U.S. official said. The document, later revealed in press reports, listed targeted technologies and companies in a French industrial espionage effort focusing on the United States, Germany, Switzerland and Britain, the official said.

In 1991, Pierre Marion, former chief of the French equivalent of the CIA. acknowledged in a U.S. television interview that his agency had set up a team a decade earlier to steal industrial secrets from U.S. companies.

To combat industrial espionage, the FBI devised a system in the late 1970s to inform U.S. companies of the risks. By the early 1990s, the bureau had named France as a potential problem area.

## FRANCE: Paris Accuses 5 Americans of Spying and Asks Them to Leave

ment that targeted 21 U.S. aerospace companies for industrial espionage.

The French struck back this time, according to official accounts cited by Le Monde, because the Americans broke the rules of the same - offering bribes, in 500franc (\$100) bills, to at least three un-named high officials since 1992.

Among the pieces of evidence gathered by the counterspies, the newspaper reported, were photographs of clandestine ren-dezvous between the CIA agents and their French contacts, hotel registration papers and credit card imprints proving the use of false identities by American agents and the serial numbers of 500-franc notes paid to one of the officials.

The newspaper's report detailed three approaches made by the Americans.

The first, by a woman "acting for the CIA in Paris." was to an unnamed conservative member of Parliament who is close to Mr. Balladur's government.

He informed counterespionage officials of the approach and was told to go along to try to trap the Americans, the report said.

He was approached seven times, "by a known CIA officer coming from Brussels

and operating under false identity," according to the report, and was offered a number of bribes to disclose the French negotiating position on the 1992 and 1993 trade talks.

France compromised on U.S. demands to lower agricultural subsidies worldwide only at the last minute at the end of 1993. and the United States agreed to drop its insistence that Europeans stop trying to keep American movies and television programs from flooding their markets by insisting on quotas and subsidies for European-produced entertainment.

The second approach. Le Monde said, was to an unnamed high official in the Ministry of Communications in charge of audiovisual policy.

He, too, was offered bribes, the report said, for information about French strategy on audiovisual policy and on telecommunications. He, too, pretended to cooperate until only very recently, the report

The third person allegedly recruited by the CIA, the report said, was a technician - also not named - for the international network of France Telecom, the country's telecommunications network.

cian also pretended to work with the CIA, turning over "documents and technical details on the structures and international networks of France Telecom, in exchange for remuneration and valuable technical The day before - Jan. 26 - Mrs. Harri-

man was summoned by the interior minister, Mr. Pasqua, to his office.

Mr. Pasqua told the American ambassador what the counterespionage service had discovered, Le Monde said, and asked her to see to it that the five accused Americans left the country immediately.

On Feb. 3, according to the newspaper, she replied to Mr. Pasqua, saying that she would report the accusations to Washing-

The Interior Minister summoned her again a week later, on Feb. 10, according to Le Monde, again asking her to get the accused diplomats out of the country. Mr. Pasqua informed President Mitter-

rand of the affair on Feb. 18, Le Monde The newspaper's report immediately re-

aced the scandal about Mr. Balladur's

authorization of telephone wiretaps as the

talk of the presidential campaign.

#### IRELAND: Leaders Issue Proposals on Reviving Democracy in North "More gains can lie ahead," he added, are deep divisions between the members of

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weapons that still threaten Northern Ire-

Of the numerous "peace plans" put forward over the past decades, this one was the most detailed and most ambitious. It is also the first in recent years to be presented in an atmosphere of relative tranquility. which officials hope will invest it with a greater chance for success than its prede-

Initial reaction from Protestants was not encouraging. Demonstrators burned copies of the document for the benefit of television cameras. Their political leaders described it as an "eviction notice" from the United Kingdom, a "blueprint for a United Ireland," in the words of Ken Magianis, an Ulster Unionist member of Parliament. The Protestants took little comfort from Mr. Bruton's promises of constitutional change, especially in the absence of any specific wording.

But they did not say they would withdraw from the peace process, as they have in the past when confronted with similar

Mr. Major, whose statement was televised in Northern Ireland and distributed widely along with the proposals themselves, begged the people of Northern Ireland to give the plan a chance,

"I know that many people will be worried, perhaps some even pessimistic, about the future," he said. "But as we look at the hurdles ahead, let us also consider where we have come from. The dialogue of the deaf has ended.

"if we have the courage to conduct ourselves with patience, with foresight and with consideration."

Catholic nationalist leaders, such as Gerry Adams, head of the Sinn Fein, the solitical arm of the Irish Republican Army, were pleased, calling the proposals a useful basis for further negotiations. "I do believe the climate is favorable for taiks." Mr. Adams said.

The proposals are the result of 18 months of talks between Ireland and Britain aimed at finding a formula to end 25 years of violence - interrupted only by the past six months of peace since paramilitaries on both sides declared a cease-fire. The two sides are divided by radically different aspirations and generations of accumulated grievances.

Catholic nationalists, who consider themselves victims of gross discrimination in housing, employment and policing, favor unification with the Irish Republic.

Protestant unionists, who wish to remain part of the United Kingdom and preserve their traditions from Irish Catholrism, feel equally victimized by years of IRA terrorism.

Mr. Major and Mr. Bruton conceded that the ultimate goals of many of the leaders of both communities are irreconcilable. Their proposals, they said, must rest on both sides' settling for a middle ground that offers each, if nothing else, greater stability and security.

"There is a fundamental absence of consensus," their joint statement said. "There

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rousted from his hotel bed in by revealing — with their every Chicago by FBI agents who had action — that security is not a

the two main traditions living there over their respective senses of identity and allegiance.

But, it added, "the two governments also recognize that the large majority of people, commitment to the democratic process and in their desire to resolve political differences by peaceful means. Northern Ireland has been ruled directly

from London since the early 1970s, when a home rule" assembly was suspended by Britain amid sectarian rioting and killing.

Although no other part of the United ingdom has its own legislature, London. has long sought to restore some form of democratic body in Northern Ireland, which it regards as an "exceptional" situa-

Mr. Major's proposed assembly, out-lined in a separate document, would have limited powers. Tax and security law would still be made in London. But, as envisioned, the assembly would reintroduce democratic dialogue to Northern Ire-

It would feature protections of minority rights. "Contentious legislation." for example, would need the approval of 65 percent to 75 percent of the members, he suggested. Protestants make up roughly 60 percent of the population.

The assembly would be led by a panel of three "senior" elected members, who would form a kind of joint presidency.

The cross-border body described in the joint framework document, was also a concession to Catholic nationalists.

## Aid Reaches Stricken Bosnia Enclave

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — A United Nations convoy carrying 99 tons of food aid reached the beleaguered people of the Bihac enclave

But aid officials, who last week warned of the risk of starvation, said it was not nearly enough to meet the needs of the estimated 200,000 residents of the area.

The 10-truck convoy, operated by the UN High Commis- the man in charge of the con-

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automated software tools creat-

ed by clever programmers that

can enable even casual comput-

er users to hack computer sys-

"Off-the-shelf software can

be downloaded by idiots and

criminals to endow them with

hacker-like powers," said Rob-

ert D. Steele, a former CIA offi-

cer who now works as a com-

tems as if they were experts.

tion of the Bihac pocket in northwest Bosnia on Wednesday morning after finally getting clearance from renegade Muslims who control access to the area.

The rebel Muslims have nia and neighboring Croatia to battle the Bosnian Army for control of the enclave.

"Supplies are running very, very low," said Mike Davies.

NETWORK: An Epidemic of Computer Break-Ins

niques to a much larger popula-

tion that does not have the

Mr. Steele, who last year was

somehow come to conclude that

he was Kevin Mitnick, said that

computing's "hacker ethic"

hacker ethic, and that's scary."

seen to be starving, including obviously children. A convoy from the Interna-

tional Committee of the Red Cross loaded with food and medicine set out from the Croatian capital of Zagreb for Bihac. The Serbian and rebel joined forces with Serbs in Bos- forces had promised to let it through, a Red Cross spokes-

woman in Zagreb said.

The rebels and the Serbs from the breakaway Krajina region in Croatia have consistently blocked deliveries of food aid and the United Nations has acsioner for Refugees, crossed voy. "We had a convoy in there cused them of using food as a into the government-held sec- three days ago and people were weapon of war. (AP. Reuters)

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"Hackers are a national trea-

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#### **ALGERIA:** 95 Inmates Killed

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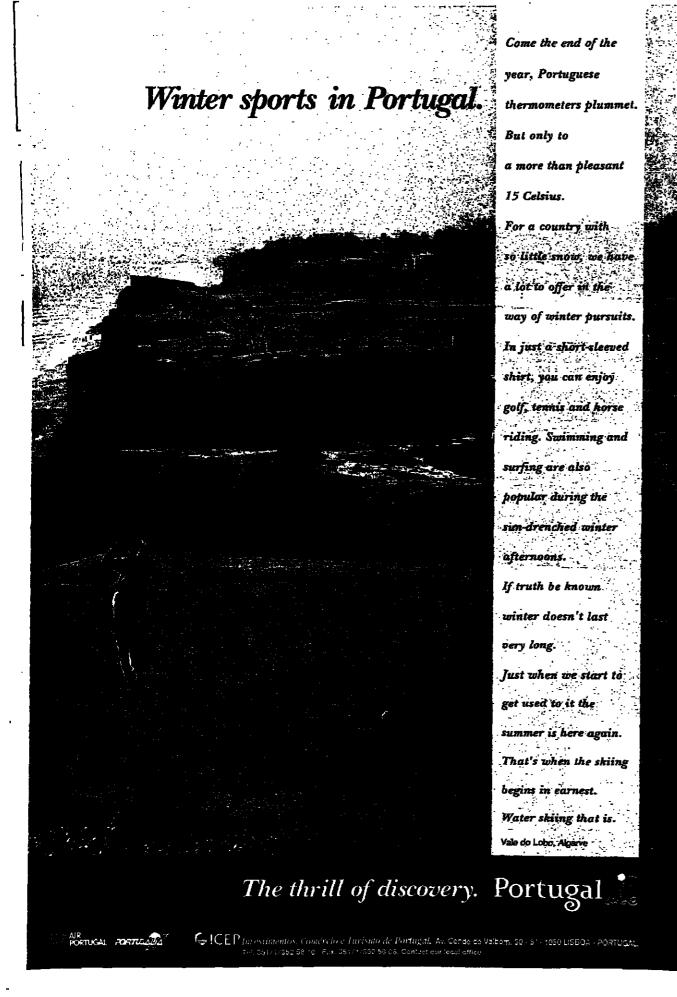
without charges. He has gone on two hunger strikes, demanding to be put on trial, a request rejected by the government.

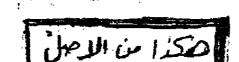
On Wednesday night, therewere unconfirmed reports by both the Islamic and secular opposition forces that Mr. Hachani and at least two leaders of the Armed Islamic Group held in Serkadji may be among the dead. Other reports said Mr. Hachani had been taken out of the prison Tuesday night.

The Armed Islamic Group is by far the most violent militant force fighting the army. Last year, it initiated a bloody campaign to kill foreigners and organized the hijacking of an Air France plane in December.

It was also behind the Jan. 30 bombing of police headquarters in downtown Algiers, which killed 42 and wounded 280.

The large number of dead reported at the jail struck moder-. ate Algerian opponents of the fundamentalists as an excessive act of revenge, aimed not onlyat putting down the mutiny but at getting rid of key opponents.









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## How to Trim the Budget

would achieve the balanced budget they claim as a goal. The Republicans say it is the president who has abandoned the cause of further deficit reduction this year. Both sides are right, unfortunately. Each side wants the other to take the heat. What should both be doing instead, if there ever is to be an instead? Here are a few ideas.

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(1) Renounce for now talk of tax cuts. They would only add to the deficit and reduce the savings rate. For a government running a deficit of a fifth of a trillion dollars a year, they are exactly the wrong prescription — killer treatment, not cure. (2) At least put Social Security back on

the table. The benefits are a fourth of all spending for other than interest. It is not fair and bends the rest of the government out of shape to try to reduce the deficit while exempting the elderly and other Social Security beneficiaries from paying a share. Raise benefits a percentage point or so less than the full inflation rate for each of the next several years. That is particularly appropriate if, as believed, the consumer price index currently over-states inflation. It saves a bunch of money in the short run. Then full indexation should be resumed so that current retirees don't fall too far behind, but Congress should hasten the gradual increase in the retirement age already scheduled for the next century. That way the current genera-tion of workers would also bear a part of the burden; they could still qualify for benefits as early as age 62, but the benefits would be lower than under current law.

(3) Civil service and military retirement benefits should likewise be raised by less than the full inflation rate for the next several years, and perhaps at intervals thereafter. (4) Impose a health care entitlement

cap on Medicare and Medicaid, now a fifth of the budget for other than interest and the fastest rising major component. The cap should be tight enough to shave a percentage point or two off the projected growth rate. That would still leave ample room for caseload growth plus inflation plus something extra for health care just not so much extra. It, too, would save a bundle. The administration proposed such a cap on all health care costs last year. Imposing it just on the federal share of costs would add to the pressure on the rest of the health care system, both providers of care and such other payers as the states and the elderly themselves. Maybe the pressure would help to force the reasonable reform that eluded both White House proposers and congressional disposers last year.

(5) The cost of college student aid, now more than \$10 billion a year, could be cut by as much as a third by shifting to a system of direct government loans with no interest subsidies but flexible repayment terms that would help limit defaults.

(6) Revive the assorted good proposals that the president made in 1993 but then mostly abandoned in the face of congressional opposition (from his own party as well as Republicans) to cut several billion ar out of farm supports. Se tor Richard Lugar, a Republican from Indiana who is running for president, has shown exemplary courage in espousing real, money-saving, farm-program re-

The Cinton administration says the Republicans have yet to spell out how they bim and show courage too?

These proposals above have to do with entitlements. Depending on how they were structured, they could easily be made to produce a cumulative savings of \$100 billion over five years and more thereafter. But there are plenty of savings still to be had on the appropriations side of the budget as well. For example:

(7) Begin to sell off and/or shut down the least cost effective of the veterans' hospitals, just as the administration proposes to do with the worst of the govern-ment's subsidized housing. The proposed "reinvention" of the federal housing programs constitutes the best rethinking of the federal role in the president's budget. The same should be done with the hoary veterans' programs whose cost now approaches \$40 billion a year.

(8) A coalition of budget-cutting and environmental groups has proposed \$33 billion in savings over five years. The ideas range from eliminating irrigation subsidies for production of surplus crops to stripping out of the budget several nuclear and other large energy research projects.

The Green Scissors group, as it calls itself, would eliminate the Rural Electrification Administration. The group says the country doesn't need it anymore. We doubt it needs a Small Business Administration, either, and there are other second-echelon agencies, sub-agencies and programs that could easily go. If the members want to wipe out a couple of cabinet-level departments as well, why not? But that sort of thing can be mostly for show; the savings tend to be minimal if a department is eliminated and the

underlying programs are not.
(9) If it makes sense, as we think it does, to suspend full indexation of Social Security and other retirement benefits to reduce the deficit, then it makes sense to interrupt indexation of the income tax. We would cap or tighten existing caps on some tax breaks as well -- the mortgage interest deduction, for example.

If you did all this atop the savings already in the president's budget (about half of which he needs to offset for his tax cut), you still wouldn't balance the budget. But you would have taken an enormous and lasting structural step in that good direction.

We have left defense spending off the list because we think the defense budget has been cut enough in recent years. We have left off welfare spending, too (for other than Medicaid and housing). The welfare system badly needs to be transformed, and there may be some savings to be had in the transformation. But not that much if the thing is constructively done, and welfare broadly defined should not be the battering ram that some would like to make it in deficit reduction.

It is possible without defense and welfare to bring the deficit well within the manageable zone, and to create a leaner and more rational government in the process. The powers that be could do it ought to do as leaders. They might even earn back some of the public respect that

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

they keep lamenting they have lost.

### **Too Hard on Investors**

suits by shareholders against corporate executives. It would fix a problem that is real. It would also close the courthouse door to small investors who have bought stock based on fraudulent information. The legislation, an amended version of a bill included in the Republicans' Contract With America, goes too far, threatening legal rights of ordinary citizens.

The bill's sponsors complain that some lawyers maintain a stable of "professional plaintiffs" who own small amounts of stock in many companies. The minute the stock in a company takes a nosedive, the lawyers file suit -- claiming that the price drop indicates that the company had mis-led investors with fraudulent statements. Shareholders have sued executives, for example, for innocuous predictions during company celebrations that the company's profits would rise. When they did not, and

share prices sagged, the lawyers pounced. Even baseless suits can enrich plaintiffs when companies decide to settle rather than fight to the costly end, raising the cost of doing business. The fear of litigation has nersuaded some executives to release as little information as possible - a deci-

sion that robs investors of data they need. But Congress need not overreact; typically, fewer than 300 class action suits are filed by shareholders each year. American financial markets are the most competitive in the world — in part because private investors are free to punish managers who

The House Commerce Committee has approved a bill to discourage frivolous dermine investor confidence, they could suits by shareholders against corporate steer investments in less useful directions.

The Republican bill goes overboard protecting corporate executives and their lawyers and accountants. The worst element is a "loser pays" provision under which investors who sue companies for fraud and lose could be forced by judges - if no substantial justification for the suit was found — to reimburse defendants for their legal fees. Many plaintiffs will decide to swallow their losses in silence rather than risk bankruptcy pursu-

ing a heartfelt but uncertain clair The bill would also make fraud harder to prove. Plaintiffs would have to show that executives issued statements that they must have known would mislead investors. But by limiting liability to those who can be proved to have consciously misled, the bill would invite accountants, for example, to look the other way when companies issue reports. Other provisions pose unnecessarily high hurdles for plaintiffs.

The bill started out worse for plaintiffs. To their credit, the Republicans paid heed to Arthur Levitt, chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and amended the bill to lower the threat. Yet the committee did not go far enough. It is up to the Senate to rewrite rules that protect corporate executives from baseless litigation without stripping private investors of their rights.

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WASHINGTON — In the 1960s the most important visitor a developing country could have was from the head of AID, the U.S. agency that doled out foreign aid. In the 1970s and '80s the most important visitor a developing country could have was from the IMF, to help restructure its economy. In the 1990s the most important visitor a developing country can have is from Moody's

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By Thomas L. Friedman

Moody's rates the investment quality of countries today just as it rates companies. Those that get their economic house in order will be rated AAA and be able to sell bonds at low interest. Those that don't will be rated C and have to pay pawnbroker interest rates.

If you doubt Moody's influence, ask Mexico and Canada. Bill Clinton visits Ottawa this Thursday, but all that the Canadian papers are talking about is the visit they just had from the other superpower - the man from Moody's. The Canadian government was putting

the finishing touches on a major budget overhaul designed to slow the decline of the Canadian dollar, which has lately been dubbed the "northern peso" and is down to 70 U.S. cents. But before Prime Minister Jean Chrétien could even unveil his planned spending cuts and tax in-creases, Moody's launched a preemptive strike. It declared the proposed cutbacks in the Canadian budget insufficient and put Canada's debt rating under review for possible downgrade. This triggered a big sell-off of Canadian dollars and bonds.

The Reform Party leader, Preston 'Manning told Parliament: "When one of the world's largest bond-rating agencies won't wait two weeks to get the minister's budget, they are telling him that his tar-gets are not only unbelievable, they are unacceptable to the markets."

They are also telling him who's boss. Indeed, Moody's message to both Canada and Mexico is that either you vote the economic pain on yourself —in the form of deep cuts in government spending and higher domestic interest rates to suppress inflation — or the bond market will force you to do it by withholding capital.

The Canadians could not do it on their own because they feared that a tough budget would encourage Quebec separatists by disillusioning people about the federal government. Mexico's corrupt government could not reform itself because it was too busy buying votes. So in both cases the bond market is forcing the pain.

The United States on Tuesday annonnced its \$20 billion rescue package for Mexico. But the terms of that deal both the design of the U.S. loans and the level of Mexican reforms --- were largely dictated by what the two governments

The Other Superpower Turns Out to Be Credit Raters thought the bond market would require

to resume private lending to Mexico. A senior Clinton finance official remarked that it is almost spooky dealing with market powers. At least with the Russians there was a hot line with someone's voice at the other end. But with the bond market, the official said: "You can't argue with it, you can't bargain with it, sometimes you can't even find it. It is an impersonal arbiter, and governments

just have to get used to it." Francis Fukuyama wrote a couple of years age that democracy and capitalism constituted "the end of history" — the highest level of human political and economic organization. But I have been thinking that maybe the bond market is the end of history. Moody's and the bond market are now imposing on democra-cies economic and political decisions that the democracies, left to their own de-

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vices, simply cannot make. I understand the graffito that reportedly appeared on a wall in Poland last year saying "We wanted democracy but we ended up with capitalism." I would refine that: "We wanted a parliament but we ended up with the bond market."

The New York Times.

## If the Serbs Don't Sign the Plan, Lift the Arms Embargo on Bosnia

SARAJEVO — The Contact Group should give the Serbs three months to sign its peace plan for Bosnia. If they fail to sign, the arms embargo against the Bosnian government should be lifted.

For three years our government has participated in every negotiating forum and signed every inter-national "peace" plan. Last July we accepted the plan of the Contact Group (Britain, France, Germany, Russia and the United States) after the group assured us that, if the Serbs refused this "take it or leave it" offer, international sanctions against Serbia would be tightened, the group would offer greater protection of major cities that were designated "safe areas" by the United Nations, and ultimately the arms embargo would be lifted.

Unfortunately, the group not only failed to tighten sanctions, it actually eased them. Instead of increasing protection of the safe areas, the group abandoned Bihac by forswearing any action to halt a Serbian ground assault that is now in its third month. Instead of ending the embargo, Britain

WASHINGTON — The nu-clear agreement with North

Korea cannot yet be pronounced

a success. It will require extended

implementation by a country that

has rarely honored its interna-

tional obligations. Success will

depend as much on the larger

context as on the details of the

agreement — and the larger con-

text is, if anything, less promising

The agreement defuses the immediate tensions arising from North Korea's nuclear weapons

development. But deferring the problem makes sense only if this opportunity is used to ease the fundamental tensions caused by

the North Korean threat to the

South, and if Washington mean-

while preserves essential bargain-

ing leverage.

than the agreement itself.

By Haris Silajdzic The writer is prime minister of the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

and France have openly opposed such a move in the UN Security Council and the U.S. Congress. Time after time we have bowed

to international demands that we make concessions, only to see them pocketed by the negotiators and the Serbs. If this pattern continues, our sovereignty, indepen-dence and territorial integrity will be frittered away. And for what? Like other appeasements

throughout history, the West's capitulations to nationalist aggression will not only prolong the war but will lead Belgrade to up the ante. Centuries of history and culture will be eradicated as vast swaths of Bosnia and Croatia are purged of all non-Serbs. The borders of the regime's "Greater Serbia" could soon abut Slovenia and Greece.

We have watched as the Westem powers proposed a 10-way, then a three-way and now a less obvious but equally onerous divi-sion of our country. We have watched as Serbian attacks on our cities somehow rendered NATO, the world's most successful and powerful collective securi-

ty institution, helpless.
We have watched as United Nations commanders redefined their mandates in our country as "mediating between the parties" and "peacekeeping" where there is no peace, rather than protecting our remaining population and facilitating humanitarian aid deliveries and the withdrawal of all forces other than our army.

We have listened as Western leaders have made various commitments, only to see their resolve evaporate amid efforts to maintain a meaningless "allied unity" of inaction.

All the while, the war continues through a third winter. Promises to the contrary, Slobodan Milosevic continues to rearm and resupply his Bosnian Serb proxies. Seventy percent of our country is occupied. More than 200,000 civilians have been killed, includ-ing 17,000 children. More than 400,000 people have been wounded. More than 2 million have been expelled from their homes. All this, and our prewar population

was only 4.3 million. The Contact Group now faces two choices. First, it could continue on its current course, which is prolonging and widening the war. In Bihac, Croatian Serb forces and Serbian troops have joined the fighting and presented the clearest evidence of crossborder aggression against Bos-nia since Serbia's initial assaults in 1992. This course will leave Bosnia and Croatia indefinitely divided, the Balkan-wide conflict unresolved, Serbia's non-Serb population exposed to increasing terror, and Serbian aggression — the greatest source of nstability and unrest throughout

the region — unchecked. Alternatively, the group could, at long last, give the Serbs a genuine ultimatum: Accept the plan, or the arms embargo will be lifted. The deadline should be no later than May 1, however, be-

mental changes in North Korean policy toward the South.

Further relaxation of trade re-

strictions must not take place

without meaningful progress in

North-South relations, to include

implementation of the 1991

North-South denuclearization

agreement. North Korea must

deal directly with South Korea on

the provision of the light-water

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Provision of heavy fuel to

North Korea (in effect subsidiz-

ing the North Korean military's

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cant progress in reducing the

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massive offensive development

As long as North Korea refuses

to recognize the South and con-

tinues to maintain a huge, offen-

sively structured armed force,

there can be little confidence in

any solution to the nuclear prob-

lem. On the other hand, if the

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Special inspections must be ac-

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Development of delivery sys-

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offensives during the spring.
The plan, which calls for an internal administrative reorganization of Bosnia and which has been approved by our Parliament, should also be officially adopted — and made irreversible — by the UN Security Council. This would encourage moderate

Serbs to accept it.
In addition, Serbia should recognize Bosnia within its current borders. This would demonstrate Belgrade's sincerity in accepting the plan and be an important step forward in the peace process.

To show our good faith and commitment to peace, we would support such measures. But after years of failed negotiations and unhonored commitments, the Contact Group must be firm and end the embargo if the Serbs again fail to cooperate.

Defenders of the embargo

claim that ending it would somehow "Americanize" the war. Actually, ending the embargo would "Bosnianize" the war by enabling us to defend ourselves.

For the past three years the war has been "Serbianized." While the aggressors have received constant supplies of heavy weapons and equipment, we have been deprived of our inherent right of self-de-fense. Our army already has ample manpower, which would be effec-tive if we had proper arms inhibited of one tifle for every three soldiers.

We are asking only for the right to receive weapons, not ground troops. Those who warn of the dangers of "Americanizing" the conflict by introducing U.S. troops are therefore answering a question that no one is asking.

Defenders of the embargo also claim that ending it would lead to a collapse of the UN mission in Bosnia. Yet a majority of humanitarian organizations has already pledged to remain even if the UN troops leave. In addition, many countries have pledged to send troops to replace departing European units.

Ultimately, of course, if Britain and France want to go, this is a decision for them, not us, to make, just as whether we arm ourselves and defend our country is, by right, our decision.

Defenders of the embargo also say that lifting it would provoke preemptive attacks by the Serbs. What is stopping them now? Cartainly not the credible threat of NATO air strikes. It is our army and the will of our people that have prevented our country from being totally overnm.

These, along with profound hope and our firm commitment to a phyralistic and democratic society rather than a fascist one, sustain us in our pursuit of a just settlement and sustainable peace.
We hope to receive the support

of the Contact Group in giving peace a chance through a genuine ultimatum for the Serbs and, if they do not see reason, an end to the arms embargo. Until now, the group's policies have suffered from a fundamental flaw — they do not work. It is time for action and resolve, not more idle talk and sliding deadlines.

The Washington Post.

## Gingrich Looks Ahead

By Newt Gingrich The writer is speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

WASHINGTON — Believing that a campaign promise is one thing but a signed contract is quite another, House Republican candidates signed the Contract With

America last September. Today, we reach day 50 of that historic commitment to change this country. This midway point is a time to reflect on our progress.

As promised, on a memora-

ble first day the House passed legislation that brought Congress under the same regulatory laws as other businesses. To control runaway federal spending, we have passed the balanced budget amendment and a presidential line-item veto.

To curb Congress's habit of the payments to the states, we have enacted reform of "unfunded mandates."

revised the exclusionary rule, which would end legal technicalities that freed many criminals, and we have established an ef-

fective death penalty. And to ensure that our military forces are not needlessly put in harm's way, we have voted restrictions on how our troops are deployed overseas. Despite a small majority —

230 to 204 — Republicans have produced huge bipartisan majorities for bills in the contract. These results show the difference between the last legislative session and this one: a liberal Congress out of touch with the nation created gridlock; a conservative Congress elected to do the people's work creates results.

Now many of our initiatives await action in the Senate, where the rules give the minority

greater power to slow debate. The next 50 days will produce tax relief for families and the elderly, job creation bills, common sense legal reform, votes on term limits and welfare reform.

The pace that the 104th Congress has set can make it easy to lose sight of what we are doing. Republicans were sent to Washington not just to set records of legislative activity. Setting records is fine. But remembering the lessons of history is a far greater responsibility.

We Republicans must keep in mind that we are heirs to a great legacy. February marks the births of three of our most outstanding presidents: George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan. The mo-ments associated with these three leaders - birth, reconcilicreating a program but leaving ation and rejuvenation - will remain with the Republicans as

we complete the contract. While some mourn the death To restore credibility to the of the liberal welfare state, the criminal justice system, we have nation must, like Washington, be prepared for the birth of something much stronger - in this case, a conservative oppor-

tunity society.

Despite the decay and division around us, Republicans must take Lincoln's example and never falter in our determination to see a society recon-ciled. And like Reagan, we must remain committed and optimistic about bringing

about national rejuvenation. Completing the Contract With America is only a beginning — the start of a program to renew American civilization and to build a true civil society. That is the Republicans' goal for next 50 days - and beyond.

The New York Times.

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The North Korea Deal Ignores Tension With the South

By Paul D. Wolfowitz

Unfortunately, the agreement may have dissipated America's might simply proceed with clanopment unhindered by "special" strongest leverage, while the negotiating process has encouraged North Korea in its refusal to deal or challenge inspections. North Korea's history of noncompliance, first with the Nuclewith the South. Worse, the process has damaged U.S. relations ar Nonproliferation Treaty and then with the North-South with Japan and South Korea, esclearization Agreement of 1991, sential allies in dealing with provides no basis for assuming North Korea and in handling the

broader issues of war and peace. The required dismantling of key facilities and initiation of international inspections are projected to begin no sooner than five years from now. In the inter-im, North Korea might refuse to carry out key provisions, might threaten to restart work on facilities whose construction has been temporarily frozen, or

ity supplies in five to 10 years? The substantive gains for North Korea take the more immediate, and potentially irreversible, form of developing economic relations with the United States and (even more lucrative) with Japan. Once those ties are estab-lished, it will be impossible to reimpose economic restrictions on North Korea for anything but

that it will respect the new terms.

Nor are the promised light-water

reactors as much of an induce-

ment as might be hoped. Why would North Korea abandon a

military project of the highest pri-

ority for the prospect of electric-

the most egregious offenses. By allowing former President Jimmy Carter to reverse U.S. policy, the Clinton administration made it virtually impossible to mobilize international support for

sanctions a second time.

The perception that the United States has yielded in this case to North Korean pressure is likely to invite continuing pressure, including threats of noncompliance. The suggestion that the only alternative to the agreement is war will expose Washington to constant pressures both to revise the agreement and to wink at violations.

The failure to obtain either a reduction in the threat to South Korea or significant progress in North-South relations is perhaps the major flaw. U.S. lack of attention to South Korean concerns must have strengthened North Korea in the belief that it can now pursue relations with the United States and Japan while refusing to deal with the South.

At the moment when history presents the first prospect in 50 years of a real change in North Korean leadership, Washington is unwittingly reinforcing the dangerous habits of the old regime. In throwing them an eco-nomic lifeline, it is wagering that an expansion of contacts with the outside world by itself will change

North Korean perceptions.

The hope is that this will turn out like the opening to China, but Washington should be concerned that it may turn out more like the opening to Leonid Brezhnev's Soviet Union.

With greater patience and skill, the United States might have achieved more or given up less, but Congress cannot now produce a new agreement by reject-ing this one. Rather, it can try to improve the chances that this agreement will be effectively carried out and that Washington can move beyond it to achieve fundacan be tackled, lingering ambigu-ities about North Korea's nuclear status would ease. The writer, dean of the Nitze School of Advanced International

Studies of Johns Hopkins University, served as U.S. assistant secretary of state for East Asia and Pacific Affairs (1982 to 1986) and undersecretary of defense (1989 to 1993). He contributed this comment to The Washington Post.

#### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Dreyfus Deported PARIS - At four o'clock yesterday [Feb. 22] afternoon ex-Captain Dreyfus was embarked on

board a Government steamer and taken to the lie d'Aix, in order to take his place on board the transport Finistère, which will sail shortly for Guiana. There was no demonstration on the part of the public. The departure of Dreyfus was a surprise, for it was not ex-pected that he would leave till the 25th, with the other prisoners un-

der sentence of transportation. 1920: Wilson Role Vital

LONDON - President Wilson still has the whip-hand in the Adriatic situation. Even the Italians admit that no settlement is possible without the United States. It is learned that the question will be allowed to remain deadlocked, pending the settle-

ment of internal questions in Italy and Yugo-Slavia. It will not be settled at the present session of the Peace Conference, but will only be discussed mildly.

1945: Japanese Reprisals

MANILA — The Japanese machine-gunned, bayoneted and burned alive 436 men, women and children in the town of Onokvay, near the east coast of southvay, near the east coast of south-ern Luzon, on February 16, in reprisal for a guerrilla attack the previous day which had driven out the enemy garrison. Guerrilla units ousted the Japanese garri-son on February 15. Next day the enemy returned in force, mowed down men who were resisting down men who were resisting with bolo knives, and ripped down the American flag. The Japanese then ran through the town, bayoneing and machine gunning wonterned and machine gunning g en and children. They then burned the town to the ground.

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#### OPINION/LETTERS

## Time for a Debate on U.S. Security

WASHINGTON — The National Security Revitalization Act is a small rock tumbling along the path of a big avalanche waiting to happen. This pursuit of short-term political gain on foreign poli-cy by House Republicans should relaunch the grand debate on America's national security that has fitfully crupted and then quickly subsided several times since the end of the Cold War.

Part of Newt Gingrich's Contract With America, the act passed the House on Feb. 16 and awaits Senate action. It regulates the president's powers to deal with the United Nations and to manage de-

The act stigmatizes the United Nations in order to gain votes for Republicans. Clintonites hope to gain by stigmatizing Republicans as isolationists.

fense spending. Its practical effect is to stigmatize the United Nations at President Bill Clinton's expense and pick up knee-jerk anti-UN votes for the Republicans.

You would not know that from the administration's reaction, which has been to threaten a veto and ring alarm bells about the end of civilization as we know it. Mr. Clinton's people believe that there are knee-jerk gains for them in counterstigmatizing the Republicans as isolationists, chiming up all the echoes of Smoot, Hawley and Hoover that still reside in the American subconscious.

The two camps resemble competing con men trying out their patter on each other before taking it public. Dick Armey & Co. pitch the act as the republic's salvation from rampant UN peacekeeping; Dick Gephardt & Co. portray it as a Darth Vader death ray for presidential authority. There is a whiff of mutual admiration in each side's escalating hyperbole.

Stripped bare, the act is to conservative Republicans in the 1990s what the War Powers Act was for liberal Democrats in the 1970s: an exercise in political accountability not to be applied to real life crises. The Republican legislation leaves Mr. Clinton just as free as he now is to deploy U.S. troops for UN peacekeeping — as long as the president issues an executive order publicly

By Jim Hoagland

explaining that the deployment is in the national interest. The United Nations is his friend, not ours, the

Republicans will then chorde.
That element of political accountability — and the serious provision of the act that would cut U.S. lunding for UN peacekeeping — is precisely why this flawed legislation is the place to begin a national debute about America's reliance on and involvement with international insti-

tutions to protect national interests. If they are serious about this leg-islation, the Republicans present an alternative vision of the future in which America will go it alone without counting on a bunch of ragheads from the Third World and fops from Europe.

It is as a friend of mine says: Tell me what you criticize and I will tell you who you are.

The Democrats enacted symbolic restrictions on the president's war powers as a result of Vietnam, a debacle created by liberal inter-ventionists. Similarly, the wellmeaning effort by George Bush and Colin Powell to provide the huge U.S. and NATO military establishment a new humanitarian mission by sending troops to Somalia is at the root of today's Republican retreat from international military coalitions. (The Somali mission was inherited, and bungled, by Mr. Clinton, with massive help in the bungling from the Pentagon.)

The liberals sought to bring the boys home in an era when they equated the use of American military power abroad with evil and/or incompetence. Today conservatives see the dispatching of American troops abroad as nefarious, overly dangerous, and/or politically costly for those who advocate it.

There is a political cycle akin to the business cycle of expansion and recession at work here. The twoparty system requires each party to restrain and correct its own, and the other's, excesses, in domestic and foreign policy, or lose power.

Mr. Clinton's 1992 victory shook modern Washington out of the mild catatonic state that it slips into when presidents grow distracted, dispirited and/or distant, as the post-Desert Storm Bush had.

But Somalia and Boris Yeltsin's decline in Russia dulled the new administration's enthusiasm for serious redefinition of America's role in the new abroad, beyond worthy efforts at denuclearizing the former Soviet Union and chasing trade

and big business deals in Asia. The Republicans, bless them, have shaken the city awake and refocused the Clintonites on big princi-ples. I believe that the administration has the better part of the argument on national security. which can be protected by American leadership or international coali-

tions. The House-passed measure should be defeated in the Senate. But the administration has an obligation to can the hysteria and point-scoring. Its leaders should come back to their early efforts to persuade the nation that American security is best protected by serious efforts on two fronts: to build and manage effective international coalitions, and to reshape obviously inadequate international institutions, including the United Nations. into bodies that do contribute to global stability and American interests. There lies the future.

The Washington Post.



## In the Postcard's Heyday, The Presidents Were Stars

By Harvey Ginsberg

WASHINGTON — This year, W my local card shop offered something like 500 valentines comic, romantic and sentimental. some intended for small children or for adults explicitly perceived as over- or undersexed. Nowhere

MEANWHILE

could I find a card in honor of this month's other holiday, Presidents' Day (Feb. 20).

Eighty-five or so years ago, the equivalent store would have been displaying hundreds of cards com-memorating Washington's Birth-day and Lincoln's Birthday, then two separate holidays. They would

not have been greeting cards.

The first decade of this century

Whether he chopped the cherry tree, Or whether we have all the facts About his exploit with an ax; As Americans we're proud to claim Our national kinship to his name And offer tribute to such as he

was the heyday of the postcard, a

novelty item published not only for sending messages but as a collectible. Postcard fever swept America. The

Post Office estimated that more than

650 million were mailed from July 1, 1907, to June 30, 1908. In addition to

views of every city and hamlet, post-

On innumerable postcards —

some were even printed on silk — Washington crossed the Delaware,

shivered at Valley Forge, sat astride

a horse and took the oath as presi-

dent. But the most common motif

The caption on one card reads:

It doesn't matter to you or me

centered around the cherry tree.

cards honored every holiday.

Whose life task was our Liberty. The cherry was also used to cele-brate the link between George and that increasingly popular mixed drink, the Manhattan, as well as to preach the virtues of honesty although a touch of cynicism might be read into the greeting "Never tell a lie and (perhaps) Fate will

drop you all her cherries!". Lincoln cards were invariably serious and reverential. There was the log cabin or the Springfield home, the young Lincoln studying by firelight, the Inauguration, the Emancipation Proclamation and the Gettysburg Address. One photographic set tells the story of the assassination, right down to card number 12, depicting "the hanging of President Lincoln's as-

A typical Lincoln caption read: "From the humblest origin, by zeal and personal worth, he reached the highest pinnacle of fame. His name will ever shine preeminently in his-

tory as the Champion of Liberty."

The cards frequently quoted Lincoln: excerpts from the Gettysburg Address, his letter to Mrs. Bixby or such Lincolnian homilies as "Die when I may - I want it said of me by those who knew me best that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower, vhere I thought a flower would grow. Search as you might, you couldn't find anything quite like it this year.

The writer, a book editor and postcard collector, contributed this com ment to The New York Times.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Leave Islam Out of It

Please find some other form of shorthand besides "Islamic fundamentalists" to describe the terrorists operating in this region. The murder of innocents is no more fundamental to Islam than it is to Christianity. The allegedly pious who indulge in this forbidden practice do not deserve the appellation of the religions they claim to be championing. It's all earthly politics.

JOSEPH JUDGE Cairo.

#### Images of Africa

Regarding the editorial curtoon aptioned "Ethnic Trophies" (Opinion, Feb. 3) by Conrad:

The "trophies" (skulls) depicted are labeled with the names of six African countries. Presumably, no countries outside Africa qualify for such a dubious honor.

It is sad that Western journalists and opinion leaders are so preoccupied with the ugly, the traumatic and the tragic in Africa. The impact of such pessimistic images greatly frustrates efforts being made by representatives of African countries to attract foreign investment to the continent.

In many cases it is the prevalence of abject poverty, unemployment and bleak prospects for the future that polarize and sharpen ethnic differences in a country, inexorably leading to violence. Foreign investment could do a lot to reduce the incidence of interethnic violence on the continent by creating jobs, improving the standard of living and providing opportunities for youthul populations.

There are political, economic and social success stories in Africa. Obsession with the negative is a needless distraction from the determined efforts being made by many countries to move forward along the path of democratic rule, national integration and economic development.

L. R. A. SATUH.

#### been achieved. Is Violence Declining?

On Feb. 5, a student lodging with us was returning from visiting friends in Meerbusch, an exclusive residential suburb of Düsseldorf. The young man is a German citizen whose father is of German origin and mother of Philippine origin.

He was set upon and attacked by two youths who used epithets such as "Chinese" — a clearly racial attack. After the youths had punched him, knocked him down and kicked him, they departed. In a state of shock, the student did not immediately report this attack to the police, but returned home.

He related what had occurred, and we called the police in Meerbusch. They said that they would send a car to the site of the attack

#### but suggested that it was too late to A Daily's Demise achieve much. The next day the victim of the attack went to the nearest police station, at Kaiser-

werth, to make a formal complaint.

The police refused to take his com-

plaint on the grounds that they

could do nothing to resolve it.

The following day a short item in your paper ("German Anti-Semi-

tism," First Edition, Feb. 7) related

that Bild Zeitung had obtained an

internal report compiled by the se-

curity authorities suggesting that

statistics show a reduction in racist

I wonder how this reduction has

Regarding the report "Lufthansa Faces Boycott After Barring Rush-die" (Feb. 15):

Salman Rushdie writes for a liv-

ing. He knows, or should know, the

risks and benefits of contentious

content. He costs British taxpayers

a fortune each year for safe houses,

24-hour protection and constant

moves. I congratulate Lufthansa for

thinking first of their responsibility

to all of their other passengers. I, for

one, intend to fly Lufthansa when-

ever possible in appreciation of their

KEITH V. MONK.

courage and good sense.

C. STOKES.

Düsseldorf.

attacks in Germany.

**Putting Safety First** 

Regarding "East's First English Daily Closes Shop in Prague," (Business/Finance, Jan. 10):

As the former editor of the Bohepaper's demise.

people knew of its existence, some potential readers could not find copies, and the advertising and marketing staff, which totaled three people, lacked a business plan and an adequate marketing budget.

Standard would require at least six

cision to the staff, one of our young Czech news assistants asked: "Why don't they give it a chance?" I could not answer the question, then or now. FRANCIS HARRIS.

mia Daily Standard, I am concerned that the report may have left a false impression of the reasons behind the It is true that the paper did not

reach anticipated circulation levels. But the quoted figure of 1,000 a week is wrong. The Standard was selling 1,500 copies a day, or 7,500 a week, and circulation was rising when we ended publication. The paper's impact was indeed reduced by the poor reproduction of a 1930s printing press. We had been hoping to move to a modern press this month. The Standard's problems were largely business related. Too few

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months to break even, the owner exercised his right to close the paper. When I announced the closure de-

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## You Are What You Eat: The Gender Factor

By Suzanne Hamlin

EW YORK — Can women. with their deep, insatiable craving for chocolate, coexist with men, who long for meat and other high-fat high-protein foods? nd other high-fat high-protein foods? Dr. Louis Aronne, an expert on obesity at Researchers have long suspected that New York Hospital-Cornell Medical men and women do not crave the same foods. Now several comprehensive stud- food? The answer is yes, absolutely." es seem to confirm that their tastes, when

However, one just-completed study cravings become more similar. For those over 65, a frantic raid on the refrigerator might even be a should have a should be refrigerator might even be a should stress that the desire for specific foods shows that as men and women age, their might even be a shared experience.

it comes to obsessions, are different.

papers have been published on cravings. Indulging nonspecific cravings often pro-While scientists are confirming that women tend to crave sweets and men tend to cravings - those focused on a particular crave meats, there is still no agreement on food — are gratified, however, almost all

where cravings come from or what they mean. Although specific cravings could have a mutritional base, most researchers suspect that the desired food is needed more for hormonal or other physiological reasons not yet understood. "Food cravings are fascinating simply because we don't yet fully understand them," said Center. "But can we have an addiction to

The specificity is important because it distinguishes a craving from general hunger," said Dr. Harvey Weingarten, a pro-fessor of psychology at McMaster Unikind, while cravings brought on by loneliin the past five years, more than 50 ness or boredom tend to be nonspecific.

In one of the largest studies on food cravings ever undertaken, Dr. Weingarten surveyed 1,000 McMaster undergraduates in 1991. Of those, 97 percent of the women acknowledged specific food cravings, while only 67 percent of the men did. Among those who had these specific cravings, the sexes were more or less equal: Both men and women said they experienced them five to nine times a experienced them five to nine times a month. Women craved chocolate more than any other food.

Men, while noting they sometimes craved chocolate, reported far more frequent longings for steak, hamburger, lasagna and seafood — all high in protein and, in most cases, fat These desires the most cases, fat These desires showed up again in a study at the Monell Chemical Senses Center, a nonprofit research group in Philadelphia.

In the younger group, women craved high-fat sweets over entrees, 2 to 1. Most-

men and a majority of women in the studies report feeling better. candy, cake, cookies, ice cream. In the group of young men, the reverse was true. In the older group, men still craved en-

> support her thesis that women crave chocolate and other sweets and fats when their serotonin and endorphin lev-els are low. These "feel good" amino acids, she says, are activated in the brain by fat and sugar.

Ms. Waterhouse says that men do not crave the same foods that women do because they are ruled by testosterone, not estrogen, and they need more protein to build and synthesize muscle. Hence, those hankerings for meat, hot

## Seeing Color Differences in a New Light

By Curt Suplee
Washington Post Service

ASHINGTON — John Dal-ton (1766-1844), the English chemist who devised atomic mass called the dalton, and Daltonism, a form of color blindness suffered by its eponym. To Dalton, red sealing wax and laurel leaves looked the same, and a pink

wavelengths and hence to different colthat Dalton lacked the gene to produce analysis, they found that some men had different long-wave variant."

ors. Dalton, however, assumed it was because the vitreous humor in his eyeballs was tinted blue. He left instructions that after his death his eyes should be dissected to decide the matter.

It was done, but the humors and lenses were found to be quite normal. In theory, is memorialized to-lenses were found to be quite normal. In day by two words: the unit of atomic a macabre form of conservation, the eyes were preserved, eventually passing into the possession of the Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society.

That's where scientists from the unigeranium appeared to be sky blue.

We now know that such people lack one of the three types of cone-cell pigments normally found in the retina, each them with modern DNA-testing technical and the same of the street of the stre of which responds to a different range of niques. The researchers report in Science

deuteranopia - certain shades of the two wave gene, and some had four. colors look the same.

has long been assumed (based on early forms of DNA analysis) that people with normal color vision have a single version of the long-wave gene - which has two or more normal variants -- plus

used a more sophisticated method of

pigments sensitive to middle wavelengths as many as nine pigment genes on the X that include green, although he did have chromosome. In addition, they report in long-wavelength cones responsive to red. the same issue of Science, many men To a person with this condition — called had at least two variants of the long-

This unexpected variation may ex-Visual-pigment genes for middle and plain certain observed differences in collong waves lie on the X chromosome. It or discernment among subjects with normal color vision. When men are given a test in which they are asked to mix red and green lights until the result exactly matches a pure yellow light, the Wisconsin researchers note, "a person one or more middle-wave genes.

But when researchers from the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee used a more sensitivitated method of will another person who has inherited a

## 'Naive' Cells: A Clue to How HIV Attacks

By Natalie Angier

EW YORK - As ex-AIDS is by thousands of researchers around the world, the mysteries surrounding this most insidious of diseases are so great that there countered before. And when the is always room for another radical new paradigm to explain its

announced that the population of disease progression from iniof the body's immune cells most tial infection to full-blown devastated by the human im- AIDS, their numbers decline munodeficiency virus is not the catastrophically. And as the na-

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In a healthy person, these cells haustively studied as AIDS is by thousands warriors, immature immune cells that roam the bloodstream in search of new microbial threats, or antigens, never encells encounter an unfamiliar antigen, they become activated, battling that particular foe and

The Stanford scientists report

perhaps not even very well. HE loss of naive cells

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learning new tricks.

If confirmed and elaborated on by others, the latest results could influence decisions on results suggest that most of the familiar CD4 cells, the helper T ive cells disappear, their place is what sort of experimental thera-

choosing participants for a trial general breakdown in the perinfected patient shifts far her of an AIDS vaccine, investiga- formance of immune cells, may tors should consider, not the in fact be the result of this shift-CD4 count, the current standard ing ratio of cell types.

dividuals with few or no naive T

In addition, he said, the new immune anomalies and distur-

cells, as scientists have long be-lieved, but rather a group of excess of memory T cells.

In other words, the scientists

pies might work best for which subgroup of patients. For examinant subgroup of patients. For examinant subgroup of patients attribute to a

measure of immune deficiency 
Each cell may be behaving in the AIDS field, but rather the just as it would in a healthy person, he said, but because the proportion between memory and naive types is severely unbalanced, the result looks like a malfunction of the cells.

Dr. Roederer presented the results at a recent immunology conference at Stanford and will publish the data this spring in The Journal of Clinical Investi-

The switch in proportions of cell types is unmistakable, he said. Among healthy adults, the ratio of naive T cells to memory cells is about 50-50, but in those HIV-infected adults whose CD4 count is below 200 tween early-stage injection and the onset of AIDS-related symptoms — about 80 percent of the T cells are memory cells.

Some scientists, including members of Dr. Robert Gallo's laboratory at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, greeted the new work enthusiastically. But others cautioned that the findings could be interpreted in myriad ways. Dr. Jonathan Kagan of the

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases pointed out that memory cells may not be as rigid in their potential as the Stanford team argues. "I think what they're pursuing is of broad interest to a lot of people," he said. "But there's data to suggest that memory cells may be able to reverse themselves to a naive state," which means that the Stanford scientists' sharp characterization of naive and memory cells and the impact of the difference on the performance of the immune system may be, as he puts it, "a leap of faith."

The Stanford immunologists consider themselves especially adept, however, at the difficult task of sorting out T-cell subtypes, and at gauging the relative skills of each class.

Dr. Roederer said the reason other researchers had failed to identify the change in naive-to memory-cell proportions in AIDS patients was that they looked at too few cell fingerprints, or surface markers, and therefore were unable to distinguish memory from naive cells. "Our combination of three different markers had never been

aesthetic questions to curators 'Scientific knowledge is

fore restoration work begins.

By Barry James

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> tions for restorers. Equally, reat the Louvre after a career storers need to know how to largely spent in nuclear-fusion protect ancient works from

The laboratory was estab-lished in 1931 with help from an Argentine doctor and art connoisseur, Carlos Mainini, and before that, a team of ambulance workers during World War I borrowed a primitive X-ray machine and begun to explore paintings with it. A member of that team was the future chief

rad Röntgen, remains one of the most valuable tools at the laboratory. Researchers also use infrared techniques originally developed by the military to turn even the densest colors into a transparent veil, showing the preparatory drawings and thereby revealing the art-ists' thought processes. This, incidentally, is a valuable means of authenticating a painting, since it allows researchers to compare the pre-

drawings by the artist.

Dr. Dupnoy, 61, never imagcandidate at the Massachuthat he would end up working research. But he became fascinated by the secret life of paintings after watching a television series 30 years ago by a former director of the laboratory, Madeleine Hours. When he was brought in to run the the Argentine ambassador at the accelerator, he discovered time, Fernando Perez. But long what he calls "the job of my

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ORK at the laboratory, he said, combines rigorous science enriched with the insights of art historians, archaeologists and curators. Half the 60-member staff are scientists. The others have backgrounds in arts and the hu-

The amassing of a vast amount of specialized scientific data — the laboratory possesses 800,000 X-rays, for example --poses a major problem of storage, retrieval and dissemina-

The laboratory has begun publication of a specialized review called Techne. The first, last year, was devoted to Poussin. The second, published this month, is a self-portrait of the

It is also using computers to read images more clearly and to make its knowledge available to the world. It has prepared two CD-ROMs, the first of many planned. One contains every thing the laboratory has collected since 1935 on Poussin plus 40 of his paintings. The second called Narcisse, is an illustrated glossary in eight languages on the conservation and restoration of paintings.

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Declaring that their work could force a re-evaluation of adulthood as memory T cells. many current laboratory and clinical studies of AIDS, rethat naive T cells are spectacusearchers at the Stanford Uni- larly vulnerable to the impact of versity School of Medicine have HIV and that during the course mune cells most capable of

said, the ratio of T cells in an away from supple immune cells capable of attacking new dan-gers toward cells that are fixed and inflexible, able at best to fight only the specific antigen they were tutored to fight, and

could explain why HIV-infected patients become increasingly vulnerable to new opportunistic diseases: They have lost the im-

naive T-cell count. "We'd predict that those in-

cells won't respond to vaccination," said Dr. Mario Roederer, an immunologist at Stanford. The whole basis of vaccination requires that you have naive cells to respond, so strategies using vaccine therapy should be based on a consideration of a patient's naive T-cell count."

The FBI was Hoover's baby.

He created its "myth of infallibility" and his policies directly produced the many violations of individual privacy and constitutional rights in which the FBI routinely engaged during his long reign. Now that Hoover is dead and the FBI is a mature institution, Jeffreys finds it in a state of flux, torn between a yearning to retreat into its past and an understanding however

journalist and is released in changes so must the FBI. conjunction with a television Jeffreys's highest praise is series, to be broadcast on PBS, directed at the street agents on which he worked. To say who do the bureau's quotidian that the FBI spilled all its beans for Diarmuid Jeffreys's note- work, some of it boring and book and cameras would be an some of it dangerous. exaggeration, but this is a rea- vast bulk are still white, midsonably detailed and moderate- dle-class American men," he ly revealing look at an institu- writes, "but slowly things are tion that even now, nearly a changing" as women, blacks quarter century after the death and others take their place in of its former director and chief the bureau. They are supposed, propagandist, J. Edgar Hoover, FBI tradition has it, to have a

On," a film about the history of AIDS, is reading "Wild Swans," by Jung Chang. "It's an extraordinary docu-

mentary which tracks three generations of Chinese women. The writing is exquisite and the description of concubine intrigue is fascinating.' (Marcelle Katz, IHT)



BRIDGE

### By Alan Truscott

A part-score contract due to be set by a trick or two does not rate to create great tension but the diagramed deal, from

It was the 96th and last deal of the match, and Gabriel's Chagas's team had gained 48 imps in the previous 95 to tie

the Rio de Janeiro Champion-

ship, is the exception.

Chagas as West overcalled two clubs when South opened one heart, but had to stop when North raised to two hearts. To win the match he and his partner. Marcelo Branco needed to beat the contract by three tricks, which seemed unlikely. South seemed due to lose two trump tricks and three or four tricks in side suits.

Chagas ventured a low trump lead, aiming to stop ruffs, and dummy played low. East played the nine. South took the ace and led his singleton club. West took his ace and continued with the heart ten to partner's king. A diamond was returned, and West captured the king with the

East shed the club ten. West led the diamond ten and South won. He exited with by three tricks. The audience went wild.

Small wonder. The FBI's remains a mystery to most "strong self-image . . . of be- mandate, which covers "orgaing normal, well-balanced pro-nized crime, white-collar

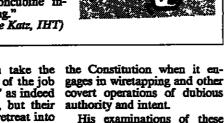
> a diamond, East won and tracking down --- almost alplayed the last diamond. South ways successfully - serial killruffed the diamond and led a ers, many of whom do their spade to the king in the hope of business in especially grue-making seven tricks. But Bran-some ways. It is the FBI that co produced the ace, led the sends agents undercover into spade ten to swallow his part- organized crime, where the ner's nine, and beat the contract possibility of discovery and ex-

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West led the heart four.

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• Roger Spottiswoode, director of "And the Band Played



fessionals who can take the Constitution when it enstresses and strains of the job gages in wiretapping and other without complaint," as indeed many of them can, but their authority and intent. lives are hard and retreat into "drug and alcohol abuse, relationship problems and other symptoms of stress" is not un-

crime, narcotics, violent crime, counterterrorism (incorporating what used to be known as subversion) and foreign counterintelligence," exposes them ace and cashed his heart queen. to risk, tension and human depravity such as most ordinary people have difficulty imagining. It is the FBI that ends up ecution is ever-present. It is the FBI that is charged with identifying and catching terrorists who murder passengers in airplanes and plant bombs in

public buildings. Jeffreys examines the FBI's performance in these areas with admiration but without romanticizing it. He takes elaborate note of the burean's conspicuous failure in the siege of the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, of questionable undercover operations in which "the line between guilt and innocence becomes blurred by the active involvement of an agent provocateur," of the FBI's dismal performance in Central American political disputes where it had no business meddling, of its tendency to wink at

covert operations of dubious

shortcomings do not add up to a ritualistic denunciation of the FBL In part no doubt this is because, as an Englishman, he approaches the bureau free of the baggage that weighs down so many of its American defenders and opponents, but it is also because there is persuasive evidence that the FBI is gradually becoming somewhat less secretive, somewhat less ideological and somewhat more responsive to the government of which it is an arm rather than an independent satellite.

Though the FBI extended a seasure of cooperation to Jeffreys, some among its employ-ees will resent not merely his airing of dirty linen both familiar and unfamiliar but also his sympathy for William Sessions, the involuntarily departed for- applied to the problem before, mer director who had the temerity to challenge bureau orthodoxy on hiring and to attempt a shake-up of the FBI's complacent, multilayered bu-

With an objectivity that few Americans could summon up, Jeffreys views the FBI with no apparent bias, praising it and faulting it as due.

Jonathan Yardley is on the staff of The Washington Post.

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NEW YORK (NYT) — An eye opera-tion routinely done to correct the most common cause of sudden loss of vision in people 60 and older has been found to be

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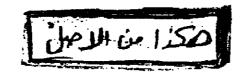
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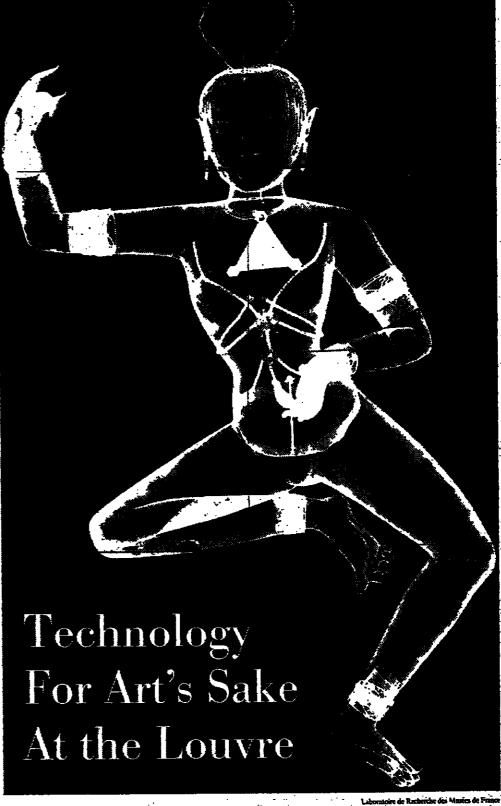
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tale to destroy a worm that preys on the U.S. corn crop.

As the honeybees leave their hives at a research laboratory in Tifton, Georgia, they crawl through a pan of the talc. The bees are not harmed, but they become carriers of the virus that kills corn earworm larvae in fields of crimson clover.

Clover is a principal host plant for the earworm. After moths lay their eggs on the clover, "that first generation develops on those and then it goes on to corn where it's a more serious pest," said John Ham, at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's In-





X-ray of a copper and brass 18th-century Tibetan sculpture, Guimet Museum.

sometimes seen as a way of taking the poetry out of works of scope and chromatography art," Dr. Dupouy said. "Yet it techniques reveal the molecular

ble deterioration." nns is as true of modern Finally, the accelerator in-works as it is of ancient cave stalled in 1987 is used to bompaintings. When he could not obtain proper artists colors at the end of World War II, Pablo Picasso used a commercial brand of decorators' paint called Ripolin that is unlikely to stand move a sample. the test of time. And modern artists have used a vast range of ined when he was a doctoral plastic, paper and other materials that degrade and discolor setts Institute of Technology

wing of the Louvre and last week inaugurated spacious and airy new premises - built of glass modern problems such as pollubeams and walls to enable light to penetrate three stories down - underneath one of the courtyards at the museum. With 5,000 sonare meters of space, the new facility is three times larger than the old. It cost 155 million francs (about \$29 million), including "The laboratory is helping to

revolutionize the way we think about paintings," said Jean-Mi-chel Dupouy, the assistant director, who is a nuclear engineer restorer at the Louvre, Jean Gaand specialist in materials. "For briel Goulinat. example, it has discovered that X-ray technology, invented 100 years ago by Wilhelm Con-

prehistoric paintings are much more elaborate than previously By analyzing minuscule samples of color and studying the gestures of the drawings, the laboratory seeks to discover, for example, whether Europe's mysterious cave paintings were the work of many or of individual The laboratory does no conservation work of its own, But it helps in developing conservation techniques and draws up extensive reports of works of art beparatory design with known The laboratory is also devel-

A technique known as theroping methods of preventive moluminescence allows scienconservation, which has not tists to date glass and ceramic been a strong point in France up objects. This is one case where to now. And it examines new art can help science, because the nuclear reprocessing indus-try, seeking ways of vitrifying and storing highly radioactive acquisitions by the more than 1.000 museums in France for authenticity and details of past restorations. The laboratory proreactor waste, is interested to vides information but leaves find out why certain glass objects remain unblemished after thousands of years in the soil while others have deteriorated

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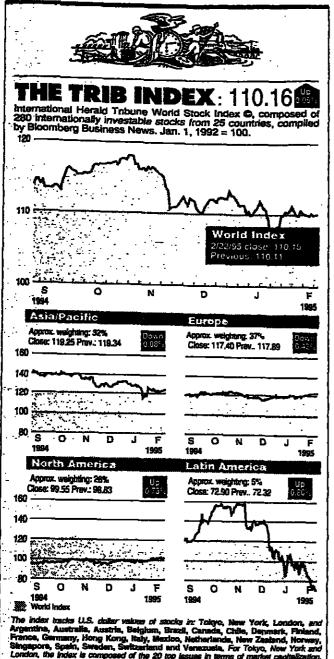
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cost of book paper, like that of news-print, has begun ratcheting up, leaving

publishers scrambling to devise ways to

"We had a crisis meeting a couple of

weeks ago to alert all of our publishers to

the reality of paper pricing," said Jack Romanos, president of the publisher Si-

mon & Schuster's consumer-books group.
"It's a serious problem for all of us."

Executives at Random House Inc., an-

other large American book publisher,

recently received a memo telling them to

be prepared to raise the jacket prices on

some of their fall titles by as much as \$2.

For most of 1994, the average whole-

sale price of uncoated paper - the kind

used in most novels — was just over \$600 a ton, down from a high of \$859 in 1989.

In the fourth quarter of last year, howev-

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would use less-expensive paper for some

books. But if that proves insufficient,

"We simply can't absorb the impact of

prices at the bookstore are going up.

the paper-price increases on our own," said Mr. Romanos.

The price jump has not been caused by any kind of global paper shortage, but by the desire of pulp manufacturers to make

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## IG Metall **Schedules** Strike in Bavaria

By Nathaniel Nash New York Times Service

FRANKFURT - With members of Germany's most powerful union overwhelmingly voting in Bavaria to go on strike for higher wages, officials of the IG Metall metalworkers union announced Wednesday that a strike would start Friday

After two and a half days of voting by 165,000 members at 628 businesses in southern Germany, more than 88 percent of the workers supported a call by union leaders to strike for what they say would be the first real wage increase for the union in three years.

The union is seeking a 6 per-

"Our colleagues in the shops have made it clear: The little game is now over," said Werner Neugebauer, the IG Metall district chief in Bavaria, referring to the impasse in talks with employers.

Mr. Neugebauer said the strike would come in three steps, starting with a few companies — probably in the Nuremberg area - and then expanding to more companies on Wednesday and on March 6.

If the entire 3.5-million member union strikes, it would be the first time in 11 years that Germany faced such a work stoppage. Economists and politicians have warned that a strike could quickly spread to most of the country's key industrial sectors and hurt the country's economic recovery.

This is the second time in two years that West German metalworkers have voted to go on strike, but a walkout planned last year in the state of Niedersachsen was averted at the last

table books, for example, cost more than that is certainly better for us," said Ed-

twice as much as the brownish paper ward J. Gillis, vice president of market-

## **Mexicans Deplore Lost Sovereignty** In Loan Package

By Anthony DePalma
New York Times Service

MEXICO CITY - Almost before the ink has dried on the agreement to pro-vide Mexico with \$20 billion in emergency assistance from the United States, President Ernesto Zedillo has found himself accused in Mexico of trading his na-tion's sovereignty for a sackful of dollars.

The economic restrictions that U.S. officials placed on the \$20 billion in loans and loan guarantees announced Tuesday mean that Mexico has surrendered an almost unprecedented degree of control over the management of its economy.

"As a Mexican, I'm really angry that these decisions are being made in Washington, not here," said Benjamin Miranda, who was getting his shoes shined in front of the Mexico City Stock Ex-"People here are tired of so many drastic

While the agreement may help ease the economic crisis set in motion by the peso's devaluation two months ago, it will force Mexico and its embattled president to pay dearly in political as well as economic terms. It could also tarnish Washington in Mexican eyes by portraying it as an eco-

Most postwar economic rescues have been handled by the International Monetary Fund. Its bureaucrats were blamed for any pain caused by the economic rig-

or in those packages.

But with Washington firmly in command of this operation, blame for the economic medicine to be swallowed by Mexico has become more focused. "I'm worried that the gov-

ernment is going to just use up all the money, like you'd use a Christmas bonus," said Raul Cruz, 24, a messenger at a downtown Mexico City While the United States did not force Mexico to accept political concessions, Mexico did agree to raise interest rates and to allow

handling of the economy. There were some Mexi-See MEXICO, Page 12

Washington to review its

## Hanson's U.S. Spin-Off **Creates Debt-Laden Unit**

Richard W. Stevenson New York Times Service

LONDON - Lord Hanson, who as chairman of Hanson PLC has built a reputation as one of the business world's great wheeler-dealers, said Wednesday that he would spin off 34 of the conglomerate's into a new, debt-laden compa-

ny.

The new company, to be called U.S. Industries, will include well-known brand names such as Jacuzzi whirlpools, Farbetware cookware and Tommy Armour solf clubs. The 34 companies had sales last year of \$3 billion, \$252 million in operating profit and net income of \$81 million. Analysts said the companies had significant growth

potential But U.S. Industries will start nearly backbreaking level for its rials, cranes, tobacco, lumber size. Its designated chairman and propane. and chief executive, David H. Clarke, who is currently chief the businesses.

For Hanson, the deal has 30, and pretax profit in the clear benefits. It will reduce the three months ended Dec. 31

British-American conglomer-ate's debt by \$1.35 billion, giv-ing it greater financial muscle to make acquisitions.

Hanson has been rumored in recent days to be considering a bid for Yorkshire Electricity Group PLC or another of Britain's regional electric utilities. Hanson's chief executive,

Saatchi & Saatchi Co. lost Mars Inc. as a client. Page 16.

Derek Bonham, declined to comment on any specific targets but said he expects further acquisitions.

The deal will also allow Hanson, a sprawling combination of industrial holdings assembled since the 1960's through a series of acquisitions and divestitures, to focus more on what it considers its seven core businesses: life with \$1.4 billion in debt, a chemicals, coal, building mate-

Lord Hanson and his partner, Lord White, have built the executive of Hanson's opera- company by purchasing industions in the United States, said trial companies that have good he was confident the company cash flows and solid product lines but high costs or cyclical could cover its loan payments, lines but high costs or cyclical but only by paying no divi-dends and by selling some of The company had \$17.7 billion in sales in the year ended Sept.

rose 58 percent, to \$432 million. Hanson said the spin-off would slightly dilute its carnings initially, but that growth in its remaining businesses would more than make up the differ-

ence in the long run. The spin-off will take the form of a share distribution to current Hanson shareholders, about a quarter of whom are in the United States. Holders will receive one share of U.S. Industries for every 100 Hanson shares they hold, or one U.S. Industries share for every 20 American de-positary receipts. Each ADR

represents five ordinary shares. In London, Hanson's shares rose 6 pence to 242 pence. In New York, the ADRs rose 75 cents in late trading to \$19.50. James Ritchie, an analyst at

Morgan Stanley in London said Hanson, through the divesti-ture, would be able "to divest in a tax-efficient way and at the same time take a lot of cash out, leaving them with the ability to buy something else." Mr. Ritchie said he valued

U.S. Industries at about \$1 biltion, or \$18.86 for each of the 53 million shares expected to be Mr. Ritchie said the stock could be volatile, at least at first.

The company's operations are in the United States, and it will be See HANSON, Page 12

## Sony Corp. Stands By

Video Disks

TOKYO - Sony Corp. said Wednesday that it would continue to work with Philips Electronics NV to develop video compact disks, not abandon the project for the rival superdensity disk, or SD.

"Sony will not join the SD format nor join in discussions aimed at compromising its format," said Nobuyuki Idei, Sony's managing director. The stance takes the elec-

tronics industry a step closer to conflict over formats for compact disks that will store 135 minutes of video. They are expected to take over the enormous videocassette market.

One group is led by Sony and Philips Electronics NV. Its rival is led by Toshiba Corp. and Pioneer Electronics BV, and has pledges of support from a number of companies including Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., the world's largest maker of consumer electronics, and two big movie companies, MCA Inc. and Time Warner Inc.

When Toshiba announced its SD version in late January, the strength of its backing combined with Sony statements that it would study the format made many analysts think Sony might throw in the

But "after we evaluated the standards of the Toshiba disk, we reached the conclusion that our disk is better in every respect," Mr. Idei said. "Our solution is simpler and better."

## U.S. Calls for Clean Slate in WTO Race

By Alan Friedman national Revold Tribune

PARIS - The U.S. government is poised to withdraw its support for the candidacy of Mexico's former president, Carlos Salinas de Gortari, as head of the new World Trade Organization, but only on condition that the other two candidates also withdraw from the race, according to Western offi-

ing for P.H. Glatfelter Co., one of the

largest suppliers of book paper in North

America. At one of the company's mills

in Spring Grove, Pennsylvania, he said, it

had spent \$180 million in the last four

Determining how many books to or-

der on a first printing, consequently, is becoming a precious skill. No longer can

publishers just ring up the mills, or the

paper brokers, for an extra, say, 50,000

books, to be delivered in a few weeks.

The lead time, or the time it takes to get

books reprinted, has doubled.
"People are scrambling," said Ray-

mond Sander, senior vice president for book publishing at Web Source, a divi-

sion of Unisource Worldwide Inc., the

largest distributor of printing paper in

also stockpiled extra paper, a practice made easy for those with good, longtime

relationships with mills and brokers and

more difficult for those without them.

what they can and pass on the rest.

"Everyone was caught by surprise," Mr. Sander said. "Not only did the mar-

ket turn around quickly, but the speed with which prices have risen has caught

But he, like others, said the increase

would at some point slow down and

finally stop. "Twe been in this business a long time," he said, "and it just can't go

In the end, most publishers will absorb

A handful of publishers said they had

years to meet regulations.

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up forever."

trade ambassadors in Geneva on Wednesday also said it was likely that a new candidate would have to be found in light of the deadlock over a successor to Peter Sutherland, the present director-general of the WTO who is scheduled to leave the organization March 15.

The diplomats suggested that tions indicated that the front-the only way to break the dead-lock would be for the United an executive at Fiat SpA and a

States and the European Union former foreign trade minister of to resolve their differences.

Mickey Kantor, the U.S. trade representative, and Sir Leon Brittan, the EU trade commissioner, are expected to discuss the problem in the next few days.

At the meeting Wednesday, a straw poll of WTO member nations indicated that the front-

Chul Su, former trade minister of South Korea, won the backing of 29 countries and Mr. Salinas some 28 delegations.

While the European Union is

backing Mr. Ruggiero, the United States and other non-See WTO, Page 13

10 has a personal computer,

compared with one in three in

the United States, while cable

television reaches one-quarter

with 60 percent of American

Mr. Stanca also complained

that different national timeta-

bles for telephone deregulation,

which range from 1998 to 2003,

as well as different rules on in-

tellectual property and data

protection were making it hard

to work across the Continent.
"We have to overcome the

fragmentation of Europe," he said. "We need a European in-

So far, business leaders sav

they are encouraged that the European Union's executive

Commission is playing host to

the conference and that top

commission officials like Presi-

dent Jacques Santer are recep-

Mr. Santer acknowledged the

job fears this week but said Eu-

rope would have to embrace the

See RULES, Page 13

tive to their message.

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ones, according to estimates.

Italy. Mr. Ruggiero, who served

under former Prime Minister

Giulio Andreotti, had the sup-

port of 57 countries, while Kim

BRUSSELS - European industrialists are trying to con vince the Continent's regulators and workers that they must quickly remove barriers to the multimedia industry or be

ways of the future. The fear of losing ground has galvanized Europe's business leaders and some government officials, who are seeking to

overturn regulatory and cultural barriers to new information services. They hope to turn a Group of Seven meeting on the information superhighway here this weekend into a virtual lobbying campaign on their own citizens and regulators, persuading them that the information revolution will improve their lives and not destroy their livelihoods

conservative attitude - try to preserve," said Carlo De Bene-

## A Cry to Clear the 'Highway' attend the conference plan to that leverage, he said.

By Tom Buerkle tional Herald Tribune

passed by the United States and Japan on the information high-

They acknowledge that the task won't be easy. The general attitude of this Continent is a

renew their call for a faster Lucio Stanca, president of breakup of Europe's telecom- IBM Europe, said government munications monopolies to re- leaders needed to focus on reduce costs and spur traffic. ducing Europe's "technology deficit." Only one European in

They also will urge speedy agreement on common stan-

To advance that agenda, industry must persuade Europeans that technology is the key to competitiveness and not a "job-killer," said Peter L. Bonfield, chairman and chief executive of the British computer maker ICL PLC.

"If you improve productivity, in the end you create jobs," Mr. Bonfield said. "That takes a pretty good leap of faith, and we have to work to make sure all of our political leaders and union leaders are believers."

Mr. De Benedetti cited the proliferation of services that followed telecommunications deregulation in Britain and in the United States, where 60 percent of new jobs in the past two years have been tied to information technology.

"You cannot compete in Eu-

## preserve," said Carlo De Dean-detti, president of Olivetti SpA, the Italian computer maker. "It is more difficult to see the fu-is more difficult to see the fu-have a leverage." By putting a premium on education and

## Germany Drafts A \$20 Billion

BONN — The Transport Ministry said Wednesday it planned to spend more than 30 billion Deutsche marks (\$20 billion) on the German rail network in the next three years.

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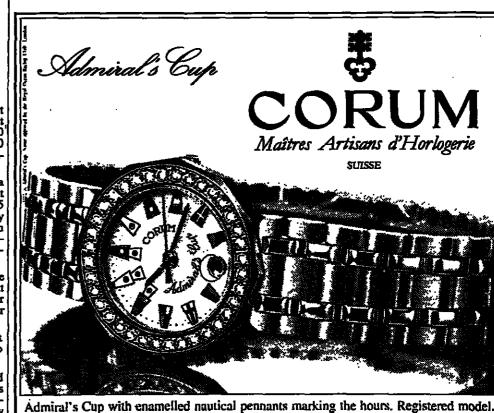
Railroad Plan

The ministry published a draft law setting out investment plans for the railroad for 1995 through 1997. Spending is fairly evenly split, with 10.6 billion DM planned for 1995, 9.83 billion DM for 1996 and 10.2 billion DM for 1997. "With the drafting of the

three-year plan, the government is stressing its responsibility for railroads," Transport Minister Matthias Wissmann said.

The draft law foresees almost 60 percent of the total going to Eastern Germany.

Germany's national railroad operator, Deutsche Bahn AG, is state-owned, though it was converted to a joint stock company at the start of 1994 for sale to investors by 2000.



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## Greenspan Speech Helps Stocks Rise

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - U.S. stocks rose Wednesday as investors concluded interest rates would not rise soon, improving the chances for strong profit growth in 1995.

Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board,

#### U.S. Stocks

suggested that the central bank might be finished with raising interest rates, although he would not rule out a rate increase if signs of inflation sur-

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 9.08 points at 3,973.05 and gaining issues outpaced losing ones by a 4-to-3 ratio on the New York Stock

"As long as we keep to a slow-growth, noninflationary environment, we're in good shape for continued price gains in stocks," said Brett Berry, a money manager at Bailard Biehl & Kaiser.

Teléfonos de México's American depositary receipts were the most actively traded issue

on the Big Board, rising % to 29% in step with a recovery in Mexico's Bolsa stock index.

Banking stocks were strong after a string of consolidations in the industry. Fleet Financial

Citicorp rose 1% to 43% after it said it would focus on its worldwide consumer business and away from some areas of domestic banking, such as investment banking and mort-

Technology for the manufacture of flash-memory chips helped lift Micron Technology

tional Business Machines. IBM rose 1/4 to 74%.

downgraded the stock to hold from above average (Bloomberg, AP)

#### **SLOWDOWN:** Lower Rates?

#### Continued from Page 1

our policy stance unchanged, or even ease, despite adverse price data, should we see signs that underlying forces are acting ultimately to reduce inflation pressures," he said.

With that, stocks halved their gains, bond prices stopped their

#### Foreign Exchange

rally, and the dollar fell against the Deutsche mark. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 9.08 points at 3,973.05, and the price of the benchmark 30year Treasury bond rose 28/32 point, to 101 2/32. The yield fell to 7.54 percent from 7.61 percent Tuesday.

Astrid Adolfson of MCM Moneywatch said Mr. Greenspan had little choice but to "pander to Congress" because he had taken a strong stand in favor of belping rescue Mexico over Republican objections and was under attack for interestrate policy - which she said was essentially unchanged from his

last semiannual report in July. David Falconer of Aubrey Lamston & Co. said Mr. Greenspan was "feeling the political backlash for tightening all last year" but was still following a policy of cautious monetary re-

rose ½ to 30% a day after agree-ing to acquire Shawmut, which rose % to 25%.

helped lift Micron Technology
3 to 59% and Intel % to 79%.
The computer board maker
EMC rose 1% to 17% after a
trade magazine suggested some
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Newbridge Networks fell 4% to 35% after Merrill Lynch

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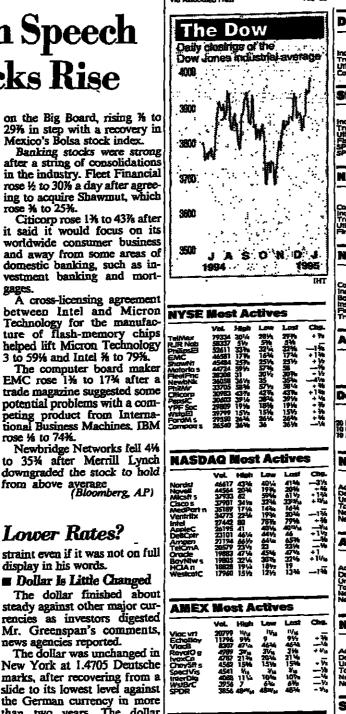
The dollar finished about steady against other major currencies as investors digested Mr. Greenspan's comments, news agencies reported.

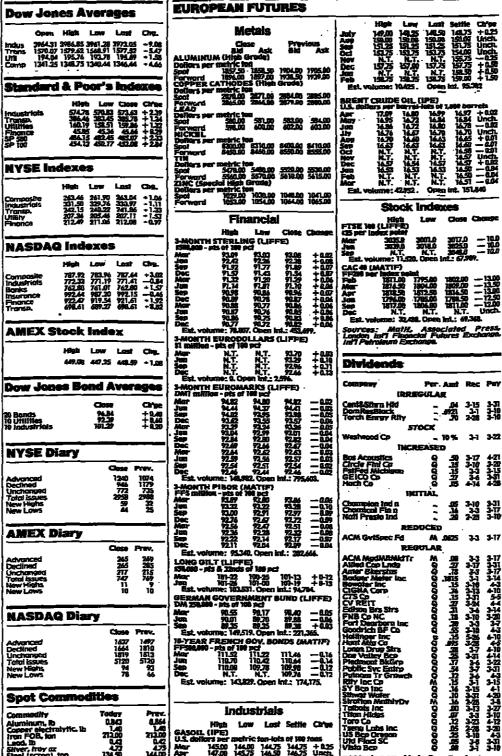
The dollar was unchanged in New York at 1.4705 Deutsche marks, after recovering from a slide to its lowest level against the German State of the Communication of the Communicati the German currency in more than two years. The dollar slipped to 97.05 year from 97.10 yen but edged up to 5.1387 French francs from 5.1280 francs and to 1.2473 Swiss francs from 1.2428 francs. The Nosdo pound rose to \$1.5890 from \$1.5865.

Mr. Greenspan's hints that this economic cycle kept investors away from the dollar.

The Bundesbank's recent hints that it might raise interest rates in Germany ensured that investors' focus remained on the mark rather than the dollar, analysts said.

The mark has become a haven for investors worried that the dollar's value might deteriorate as the United States is the United States is themselves, to make sure we to Mexico's financial pay it back. Yes, we're losing a (Bloomberg, Reuters) little of our sovereignty, but drawn into Mexico's financial





## U.S. / SHORT COVER

## American Maize Attracts a Bidder

STAMFORD, Connecticut (AP) - American Maize-Products Co. said Wednesday it had received a preliminary offer to buy the

company's corn business for \$500 million. company's corn business for \$500 million.

The company said the offer was nonbinding and there was no assurance an agreement would be reached. American Maize would not identify the party making the offer for its corn operation, which represents 70 percent of its business.

The proposal is separate from an offer from Eridania-Beghin-The proposal is separate from an offer from Eridania-Beghin-Say SA to acquire the company for \$37 a share, or about \$380 million, which was appointed in January.

#### million, which was announced in January. Air Canada Returns to Profitability

MONTREAL (Bloomberg) — Air Canada said Weinesday that higher revenue and an increase in capacity helped it post its

first annual profit since 1989.

The airline posted net income of 129 million Canadian dollars (\$92 million) for 1994, reversing a loss of 326 million dollars in 1993. Revenue rose to 4 billion dollars from 3.6 billion dollars. The 1994 results included a pretax gain of 79 million dollars. first annual profit since 1989. related to a restructuring of its reservation system, the sale of some aircraft and hiring of an outside company to run its computer

cryices.

Operating profit last year was 244 million dollars, the largest in the airline's history, it said.

### Strong Sales Lift Tandy's Profit 6%

FORT WORTH, Texas (Bloomberg) - Tandy Coxp. said Wednesday its fourth-quarter net income rose nearly 6 percent, to \$101.9 million, from the year-earlier quarter on strong sales.
Sales increased 26 percent, to \$1.82 billion.
The constructed detection retailer said to be a second to the same sales.

The consumer-electronics retailer said sales grew fastest at its newer chains, Computer City and Incredible Universe. The flagship Radio Shack chain posted slower growth, but its strong profit margins helped Tandy's overall earnings growth, it said.

#### Viacom's Earnings for Year Fall 23% NEW YORK (AFX) - Viacom Inc. said Wednesday that its

1994 earnings fell 23 percent and that fourth-quarter results showed an operating loss.

showed an operating loss.

The entertainment company posted a fourth-quarter loss of \$34.7 million, compared with a profit of \$26.4 million in the fourth quarter of 1993, the company said. Viacom's yearly profit was \$130.5 million, compared with \$169.5 million in 1993.

The company said the results reflected 50.2 percent ownership of Paramount Communications Inc. as of March 1 and full ownership. as of July 7. Included in the 1994 results were a pretax gain of \$267 million related to the second-quarter sale of its one-third interest in Lifetime Television and pretax charges of \$332 million related to the integration of its Viacom and Paramount business units.

#### U.S. Farm Exports Head for Record

ARLINGTON, Virginia (Bloomberg)—U.S. farm exports will climb to a record high of \$48.5 billion this year, Richard Rominger, the acting agriculture secretary, said Wednesday.

The figure represents a \$3.5 billion increase from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's last estimate, issued in November, and breaks the old record, set in 1981, by almost \$5 billion.

#### For the Record

Lehman Brothers has appointed Carolyn Moses to head its global equity research unit, the first woman to be named to the post, a spokesman said Wednesday.

## the central bank may have finished raising interest rates in MEXICO: Lost Sovereignty Deplored as U.S.'s Profile Rises With Its Aid HANSON: Debt-Burdened Unit

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cans who agreed with U.S. officials' insistence on guarantees.

"I think the United States has all the reason in the world to ask for guarantees," said Genaro Velazquez, 56, a bank clerk. "They're giving us money, and they want to protect

what does that matter if you don't have enough to eat?"

Yet Mexico has agreed to cut its spending so severely that a deep recession seems inevitable If that leads to deeper unemployment and poverty, as expected, this country's uneasy social order could erupt.

The Mexican stock market's main index was up 15 points, at this agreement," he said on 1,694, in Wednesday trading af- Mexican radio. "And the eco-

ter falling almost 5 percent nomic conditions that are in-Tuesday. The peso hit 5.81 to cluded are ones that we ourthe dollar in afternoon trading. down from Tuesday's close of

Finance Minister Guillermo Ortiz tried to anticipate criticism that Mexico had yielded too much. "There is absolutely no kind of political condition in

selves have selected and that Stock Exchange, but 75 percent have been supported by international financial organiza-

Reaction was particularly negative to the requirement that Saab-Scania to Separate receipts from export sales by Pemex, the state oil monopoly, be placed in an account at the Federal Reserve Bank of New

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listed only on the New York of its initial holders will be in Britain, probably causing some selling by British investors.

The Swedish aircraft and truck maker Saab-Scania AB will be split into separate companies, the group's parent com-

pany said, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Stockholm.

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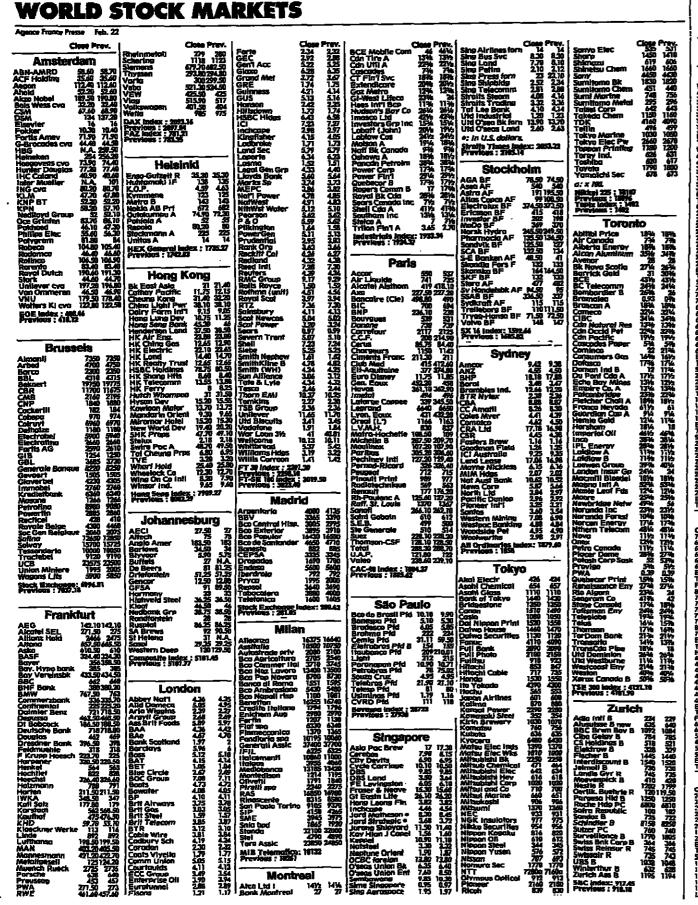
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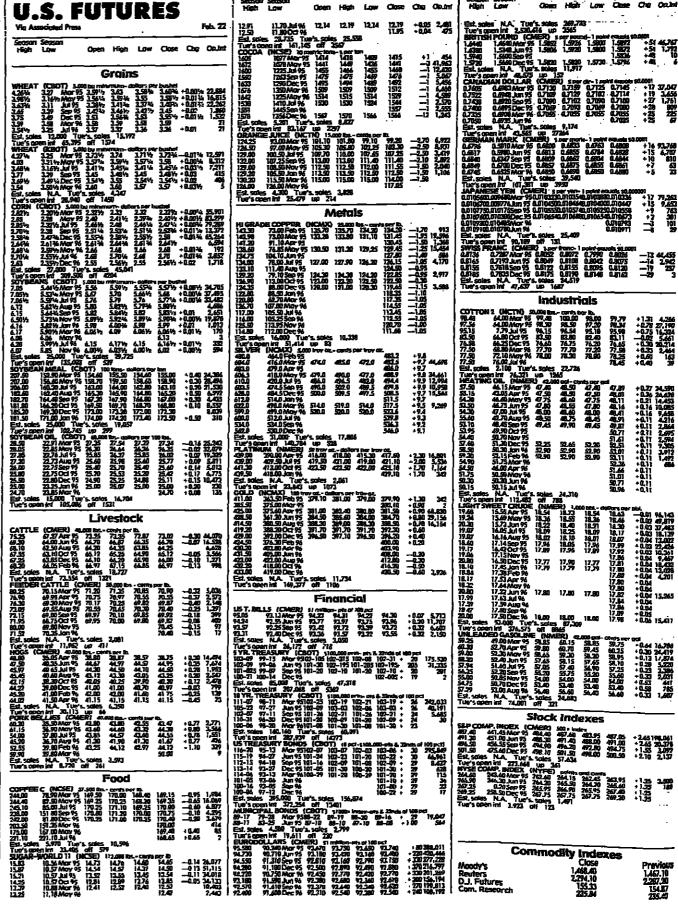
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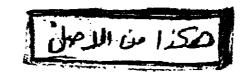
Investor AB, the parent company, said the restructuring would take effect May 1.

The separation will not directly affect Saab Automobile AB, the luxury carmaker owned equally by Investor and by General Motors Corp. of the United States.

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## Philips's Bottom Line Rises

## 'Not as Good as We Would Like,' Firm Says

EINDHOVEN, Netherlands Philips Electronics NV said Wednesday that rising demand for semiconductors and a oneings rise 8 percent last year,
The company posted net income of 2.12 billion guilders
(\$1.28 billion), up from 1.96 biltime gain helped its net carn-

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lion guilders in 1993, as sales rose nearly 4 percent, to 60.98 billion guilders.

The 1994 results were lifted by a one-time gain of 76 million guilders from the sale of 3 percent of Philips's stake in Tai-wan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. The sale leaves Philips with a 36 percent stake in the Taiwan company. The 1993 results were helped

by a one-time gain of 1.11 billion guilders. But the company's shares fell 70 Dutch cents, to 55.60 gnil-

\*People are becoming more and more concerned that profit is coming from semiconductors and semiconductor-related activities," said Steven Vrolijk, an analyst at ING Bank.

The company also said it was down by poor performance at not happy with the bottom line. its Philips Kommunikations Industrie AG unit. The compawould like to see," said Jan D.

Timmer, the company's president, but he added that "we ve to have proven that we have chosen the right path."

The company said its net income from normal operations rose to 2.04 billion guilders from 856 million a year earlier. Operating income from components and semiconductors, Philips's most profitable activity last year, rose to 1.59 billion guil-

ders from 1.06 billion in 1993. The consumer electronics division had operating income of 449 million guilders last year, reversing a loss of 327 million guilders in 1993.

But the division that makes professional products systems, such as television cameras and medical equipment, posted an operating loss of 100 million guilders last year, compared with an operating income of 101 million guilders in 1993.

That division was dragged

## López-Case Official Confirms Account Of Published Letter

By Brandon Mitchener

FRANKFURT -- German prosecutors have a letter written by a colleague of José Ignacio Lopez de Arriortúa that "strengthens the suspicion" that General Motors Corp. em-ployees who went to Volkswagen AG with Mr. Lopez in 1993 had stolen industrial secrets, a prosecutor said Wednesday.

The letter, written by Jorge Alvarez and sent to another colleague, José Manuel Gutierrez, said that prosecutors had found documents "that should not have been in my possesion." Excerpts from the letter were published this week in the German weekly Der Spiegel.

The documents, which General Motors has said contained company secrets, were found in Mr. Alvarez's apartment in Wiesbaden after he left GM.

For the past two years, Mr. Lopez has been at the heart of a dispute between General Motors Corp., for which he worked in Europe before becoming its Detroit-based vice president for worldwide purchasing, and Volkswagen AG. General Motors has claimed that Mr. Lopez and executives who moved with him to Volkswagen passed on corporate secrets to their new employer, charges that Mr. Lopez and Volkswagen have repeatedly denied.

Hans-Hermann Eckert, a spokesman for the Hesse state superior court in Frankfurt, told the International Herald Tribune that the letter, dated July 9, 1993, had been in prosecutors' possession "for some time.

## Lira Drops In Wake of Rate Rise

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches MILAN — The lira dropped to a new low against the Deut-sche mark and stocks slid Wednesday in a knee-jerk response to increased interest

Traders said the fira could continue its slide until the government announced details of its minibudget, designed to contain the 1995 deficit to 8 percent of gross domestic profit.

"The government must give a strong signal to the markets," said Fabrizio Mambretti, an analyst Gamba Azzoni & Co.

The mark strengthened to 1,101.25 lira from 1,092.60 lira Tuesday. The MIB Telematico stock index fell to 10,132 from 10,261, but the benchmark 10year government bond yield held steady at 11.16 percent.

On Tuesday, the Bank of Italy raised its discount rate on uns to banks to 8.25 percent from 7.50 percent after figures were released that indicated rising inflation.

Analysts said that if the rate rise belped to dampen inflation and strengthened the government's resolve on the proposed minibudget, markets could begin to react positively.

The government of Prime Minister Lamberto Dini is putting together a package of mea-sures, including indirect taxes, aimed at trimming 20 trillion lire (\$12.4 billion) from the 1995 budget deficit.

The cabinet was expected to meet Wednesday night or Thursday to finalize the budget

The Italian economist Franco Modigliani said the lira was

weak "because of the internal confusion in Italy." (AFP, Reuters, Bloomberg)

## Rising Sales Help Atlas Copco Profit

Compiled by Our Staff From Despatches STOCKHOLM — Atlas Copco AB said

ny's other German division

Grundig AG, also saw only a

slight increase in sales. But

Philips said it was committed to

turning those units into profit-

and we won't put them up for sale," said Jan. D. Timmer,

president of Philips. "The re-

structuring programs need time to show what they're worth."

Mr. Timmer also said Philips

would not abundon its digital

compact cassette, compact disk

interactive and high-definition

television inventions despite

continued problems with mar-

Philips launched its digital

Although Philips is believed

to have invested tens of millions

of dollars, analysts say the

launch was a flop, with slow

acceptance by consumers and

(AFX, Reuters, AP, Bloomberg)

keting the products.

recording companies.

compact cassette in 1992.

Those companies are good,

Wednesday that 1994 pretax profit rose 48 per-cent to 1.96 billion kronor (\$267 million) as global sales and orders grew in all business areas. The maker of machinery for mining and other industries said sales rose 11 percent to 20.91 billion kronor, from 18.91 billion. The company

said its board proposed to raise its 1994 dividend

to 2.3 kronor per share from 1.8 kronor. The result was above expectations. Analysts polled by the Swedish news agency Direkt expected a profit of 1.92 billion kronor on average.

Atlas Copco said it expected "continued improvement" in earnings in 1995, the company's shares slipped to 99 kronor from 100.50 kronor

in Stockholm, where the overall market declined l percent.

Orders from the manufacturing industries and the mining sector are expected to increase in most markets" in 1995, the company said, adding that it expected demand from the construction sector to remain unchanged.

The company said the value of 1994 orders rose to 21.70 billion kronor from 19.19 billion kronor. The rise was highest in North and South America, Australia and Britain.

The company said sales gains in Japan, Russia and the Middle East were weak. Atlas Copco said investment in machinery and

buildings totaled 632 million kronor, compared with 394 million kronor a year earlier.

#### Investor's Europe Frankfurt **Paris** London FTSE 100 Index 3300 3200 3100 1700 S O N 1994 2800 S ON DJF 1984 1995 Wednesday Prev. Close Close Exchange Index Change -0.40 EOE 408.46 410.12 6,896.81 7,037.18 -0.57 2,097.04 -0.19 Frankfurt DAX 2.093.16 Frankfurt FAZ 781.21 783.35 -0.27 Helsinki HEX 1,735.27 1.742.83 -0.43 2,298.10 +0.14 London Financial Times 30 2.301.30 FTSE 100 3,023 40 -0.13 Madrid General Index 280.62 281.05 -0.15 Milan MIBTEL 10132 10261 -1.26 CAC 40 1,804.37 1.805.62 -0.07 Stockholm SX 16 1,592.66 1,605.02 -0.77 Vienna ATX Index +1.05 1,007.79 997.30 918.18 917.45

#### **Very briefly:**

 Corp. Industrial & Financiera de Banesto, an industrial holding company of Banco Español de Crédito SA, expects to sell as much as 50 billion pesetas (\$385 million) of assets this year.

• The International Monetary Fund said it hoped Ukraine would sign an agreement on reforms by the end of the week so that the former Soviet republic could receive \$1.3 billion in stand-by credits. Separately, Michel Camdessus, the IMF managing director, will visit Moscow in March for talks on a \$6.3 billion loan.

• KLM Royal Dutch Airlines will raise wages by as much as 1.25 percent this year after labor talks ended with all but one of its employees' associations and unions.

• Stena Line AB's 1994 net profit rose 43 percent, to 435 million Swedish kronor (\$59 million), helped by the sale of a ship and an improved financial position. • Securum Fastigheter AB will form a hotel joint venture with

Skanska AB called Pandox Hotellfastigheter AB, resulting in a 400 million kronor capital gain for Skanska and a capital gain of 150 million kronor for Securum. • Astra AB profit rose in 1994 to 6.8 billion kronor from 6.1 1 to

billion, as sales of its anti-ulcer drug jumped 24 percent, to 28 billion kronor. Jyske Bank AS's 1994 profit fell 79 percent, to 90 million Danish

kroner (\$15 million), because of losses on its bond portfolio. France's adjusted trade surplus widened to 12.7 billion francs

(\$2.5 billion) in December from 6.8 billion francs in November. Pechiney International SA's sales rose 1.7 percent, to 35.1 billion DM French francs, in 1994.

 Dutch industrial output in 1994 rose almost 4 percent from 1993. Britain's fourth-quarter gross domestic product rose 0.8 percent from the previous quarter and 3.9 percent on the year.

• Accor SA's 1994 sales rose 2 percent from a year earlier, to 33.5 billion French francs. Bloomberg, AFX, AFP, Reuters, Knight-Ridder

## **Lufthansa Looking** To Airbus for 20 Jets

FRANKFURT - Lufthansa AG said Wednesday it planned to buy 20 Airbus twinjet A319 planes to replace Boeing models that it would sell.

The airline did not give the price for the purchase, but based on the list price of the 126-seat A319, the order would be worth about \$780 million.

The order is a coup for Airbus Industrie, the four-company European consortium, which has announced a goal of rivaling Boeing Co. as the world's major supplier of commercial aircraft. Airbus partners are Aerospatiale of France, British Aerospace PLC, Construcciones Aeronáuticas SA of Spain and Daimler-Benz Aerospace AG of Germany.

The Lufthansa order is also a boost for German industry. Though most Airbus planes are assembled in Toulouse, France, by Aerospatiale, the A319 and the related A321 are assembled in Hamburg. Airbus has been saying for nearly a year that it hopes to

edge out Boeing in winning new orders by the end of the century. To date, Boeing has had about a 60 percent share of the market for large airliners to Airbus's 30 percent. Separately, Lufthansa said it planned to reorganize its shareholdings in two German travel agencies and seek a stake

The airline said it would raise its holdings in Deutsches Reisebūro GmbH but give up its majority holding in Euro Lloyd Reisebūro GmbH. It also seeks a stake in Kreutzer Touristik GmbHL

### MAN Posts First-Half Profit

MUNICH - MAN AG, a German machine company, said Wednesday it had a profit of 51 million Deutsche marks (\$34.7 million) in the first half of its financial year, which ends June 30. This was the first time MAN had reported a half-year profit figure, and it did not give comparison figures.

Sales in the first half to December rose 5 percent, to 8.1 billion

DM, from a year earlier.

MAN said net income for the full year was expected to be "clearly above" the 160 million DM of last year. (Bloomberg, AFP)

## WTO: U.S. Calls for Clean Slate

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vehemently opposed to him. Since a consensus rather than a vote is required to name a new WTO chief, Mr. Ruggiero's candidacy now appears to be in trouble, along with those of the other two candidates, according to diplomats.

On Wednesday, in remarks made to reporters in Geneva, sador Booth Gardner, the U.S. envoy, suggested that all three candidates might with-

"The only way I can see for us to break this deadlock is for all three to resign," Mr. Gard-

don't think we'd object."
Although the United States didacy has been damaged by votes by a very long way."

Mexico's financial crisis, which began shortly after he left office late last year with the devaluation of the peso.

After Mr. Gardner's sugges-

tion that all three candidates should stand down to clear the way for a new compromise choice, Mr. Kantor appeared to backtrack. An aide to Mr. Kantor in Washington noted that Ambassador Gardner was simply musing about the im-

Mr. Gardner, in turn, said in an interview: "I was speculating on the scenarios that exist."

But European diplomats continued to back Mr. Ruggiero's ner said. "If they all resign, I candidacy, with Britain's Nigel Williams telling The Associated Press: "We support the Italian has backed Mr. Salinas, his can- candidate. He has the most

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lost on the highways.

"The real choice we have is: cultural diversity. Do we modernize our society, are we going to be there with our market share?" he said. Business also welcomes the

fact that Europe has decided to abandon efforts to tighten quotas on television programming, an issue that had threatened to overshadow the G-7 conference.
"I think Europe needs to

shed its defensiveness," said John Birt, director-general of the British Broadcasting Corp.
"I don't think we should move

runs deep. The European Par-liament last week approved a

urged the commission to connew information technology or sult with unions and parliamen-be passed by as "hitchhikers tarians about technology's impact on jobs, civil liberties and "There is a feeling in the

United States that you just let the market get on and do this," said Alan Donnelly, a British Labor member of Parliament. But the market alone won't ensure broad universal access to the highways or promote public services like education and health care, he said.

Responding to those pressures, the commission on Wednesday announced it would create two independent forward by stopping things."

But skepticism toward the socalled information society still

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The maker of earnerss and office equipment said the high-

#### NTT Confirms Investment by British Firm

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Compiled in Ona Staff From Dispatches TOKYO — Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp. confirmed Wednesday that Cable & Wireless PLC planned to invest in NTT's personal mobile telephone affiliates.

NTT was confirming a report Tuesday in the Ninon Keizai Shimbun that the British company would buy as much as 5 percent of each of nine handy phone offiliates.

Personal mobile telephones are lighter and cheaper than cellular phones but can only operate within a defined area. Analysis expect the phones to do well in Japan because they are relatively cheap.

Separately, France Telecom said it would buy ! percent of Astel Kansai, a company that plans to start a personal mobile phone system in the Osaka area in October.

The state-owned French monopoly operates a successful personal mobile phone service in France called Bi-Bop.
NTT is already provid-

ing technical assistance to Hong Kong Telecommunications Ltd. (AFP, AFX)

## er profit reflected lower manu-

facturing costs Canon said it had reduced costs by decentralizing and buying parts abroad. Last week, Canon reported a 44 percent jump in 1994 parent company pretay profit

Canon said 1994 group reve nue rose 5 percent to 1.93 tril-lion yea, led by a jump in domestic sales, which rose 11 percent to 635 billion yen Overseas sales rose 3 percent to 1.30 trillion yen. Canon shares rose to 1,510 yen from 1,490. For the current year, Canon

forecast group pretax profit of

94 billion yen on sales of 2.03 trillion yen The company said revenue

rose in all sectors except conterns in the latest year, with business machine sales climbing 6 percent to 1.64 trillion yen on increased sales of bubble-jet printers, com-(AFP, Bloomberg)

■ Brewers Celebrate '94

Asahi Breweries Ltd. and Sapporo Breweries Ltd. announced sharp increases in pre-tax profit for 1994, after Japanese drinkers stepped up consumption during an exceptionally hot summer, Agence France-Presse reported.

Asahi, Japan's second-largest brewer, said pretax profit rose 46 percent to 21.4 billion yen as sales rose 16 percent to 875.2 billion yen. The company raised its final dividend to 5.5 yen from 4.0 yen, and its shares rose 10 yen to 1,050.

Sapporo's 1994 pretax profit rose 30 percent to 14.4 billion yen. Revenue climbed 10 percent to 631 billion yen. Japan's third-ranked brewer increased its yearly dividend to 5.5 yen from 3.5 yea, but the company's shares slipped 1 to 905

Both brewers were cautious about the outlook for 1995. however. "We cannot count on another heat wave like last year," Sapporo said. "In addition, economic recovery is coming at a slow pace."

## Jakarta Credit Struggle Finance Minister Is 'Stepping on Big Toes'

JAKARTA - Finance Minister Marie Muhammad, in a move likely to pit him against Indonesia's technology minister, ruled out providing export credits for ailing strategic industries, reports and Wednesday.

Mr. Marie, quoted by the official Antara news agency, said the government could not afford to provide export credits for the socalled strategic industries grouped under an umbrella organization known as BPIS, or Badan Pengelola Industri Strategis

The research and technology minister. Bacharuddin Jusuf Habibie, who heads Badan Pengelola said Monday that five companies. including the state-owned aircraft maker Nusantara Aircraft Industries Ltd. and the shipmaker PT PAL, had lost money, were mefficient and could be closed if they did not obtain export credits.

There are 10 companies grouped under Badan Pengelola.

Mr Mar'ie then told a parhamentary commission the government could not afford the credits. "Where would we get the funds from?" he said Tuesday.

Export credits perhaps could be provided some time in the future," Mr. Mar'ie said, but the point is that at the moment this government cannot provide these."

Mr. Mar'ie also warned various parties not to get their hopes up that export credits would

Nusantara Aircraft Industries, which has received \$1.6 billion from the government since 1976 and has not been a financial success, plans to establish a \$100 million joint venture in the United States.

Western diplomats said the latest attempt by Mr. Mar'ie to stifle Mr. Habibie's plans could anger President Suharto. Mr. Habibie is considered one of the minis-

ters closest to Mr. Subarto. Mr. Mar'ie, who has been finance minister since March 1993, "is really stepping on some big toes," one diplomat said.

Mr. Mar ie, widely respected by local economists and foreign bankers for his fiscal prudence, in June 1994 slashed by two-thirds Mr. Habibie's plan to spend \$1.1 billion buying and re-equipping 39 warships from the for-

mer East Germany. The decision pleased economists, but a few days later Mr. Suharto stepped in and accused opponents of the purchase of endangering national stability.

Two weeks later, three leading weeklies that had reported on the issue were banned. Then in early December, Mr. Mar'ie said no new industries, including the Chandra Asri petrochemical complex, should receive

The \$1.7 billion Chandra Asri project's main backers include one of Mr. Suharto's sons, Bambang Trihatmodjo, and Prayogo Pangestu, a close associate of the president.

Mr. Suharto later dropped Mr. Mar'ie as head of the national tariff team and in his January budget speech said protection could be given to industry under certain conditions.

## **Hong Kong Gets Mixed** Signs From **Land Sales**

Agence France Presse

HONG KONG - Two prime residential sites sold for better-than-expected prices at a Hong Kong government land auction Wednesday, but three commercial locations failed to sell, sending mixed signals on the state of the territory's prop-

Eton Properties Ltd., a private developer, acquired both residential sites — one in Kow-loon for 1.02 billion Hong Kong dellars (\$132 million) and the other on Hong Kong Island's south side for 53.5 million dollars.

Analysts had expected the Kowloon site to sell for less than I billion dollars.

But three other lots zoned for industrial and commercial use in Kowloon and the New Territories were withdrawn after failing to attract bids at the well-attended auction.

"There doesn't seem to be much mileage at the moment as far as the market is concerned in industrial and office-type de-

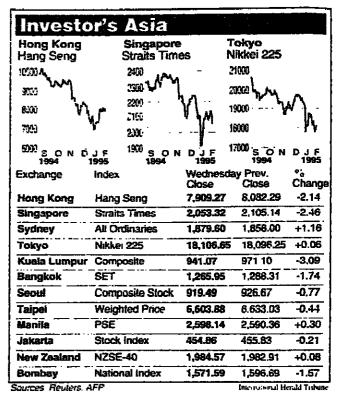
velopments," said John Corrigall, a government land agent. The auction was seen as a touchstone of Hong Kong's property market, after an announcement this week by two banks that they were planning to

ease mortgage-lending policies. Hong Kong officials have been trying, with some success. to cool the colony's property market over the past year.

■ China Steel Official Fired

The deputy party secretary of one of China's biggest steelmakers, Anshan Iron & Steel Group, has been removed from his job on grounds of corruption, Bloomberg Business News reported from Beijing, quoting the Beijing Youth Daily.

The paper said the official, Zhang Wenxiao, had made



#### Very briefly:

 Daewoo Electronics Co. of South Korea plans to spend \$3 million to build an appliances plant in North Korea, pending approval of the project by the Communist government.

• Bank of East Asia Ltd., based in Hong Kong, launched a takeover bid for United Chinese Bank Ltd. valued at 1.2 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$155 million).

 Jardine Fleming & Co. said it had become the first foreign brokerage concern to win a seat on the Bombay Stock Exchange. • Sharp Corp. said it had developed thin-film, transistor liquid crystal displays that consumed one-third as much electricity as

existing models, • United Newspapers PLC said it would expand its Asia-Pacific trade fair business by acquiring 12 events from Headway Trade Fairs Ltd. for £11.4 million (\$18 million).

Bangkok Bank said its net profit in 1994 rose 24.9 percent to 17.36 billion baht (\$695 million).

• Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. will launch its multimedia optical disk system April 20.

• Fletcher Challenge Ltd., the New Zealand-based forestry and energy company, said its first-half net profit fell but operating profit rose 40 percent on a recovery in paper markets. • Toshiba Corp. of Japan unveiled a new super-slim CD-ROM

drive for portable computers priced at 45,000 year (\$462). Offvetti SpA, the Italian computer maker, selected Sydney,

Australia, to anchor its Asia-Pacific operations. • Siam Cement Co. said better sales, lower expenses and better exchange rates helped it achieve a 36 percent increase in net profit legal sales of stock certificates.

## Fairfax Details a 'Strong' First Half

SYDNEY - John Fairfax Holdings Ltd., Australia's richest newspaper company and the target of recent share raids by three international media barons, on Wednesday reported a jump in operating profit and

revenue for its first six months. Fairfax Holdings said operating profit before one-time items and taxes ruse 47 percent to 121.3 million Australian dollars (\$90 million). Revenue for rose 15 percent, to 478.9 million

special tax gain of 28 million control of Fairfax, even if it dollars a year earlier. The comtakes him 20 years. Currently, pany raised its half-year divi- Conrad Black, the Canadian dend to 3.5 cents a share from

"For all intents and purposes, profit was up over 50 percent; it's a very strong result." one media analyst said. But Fairfax shares fell 4 cents, to 2.83 dollars. Fairfax has been a focus of

the half, which ended Dec. 31. Australia's richest man, Kerry newspapers, including The Syd-But the company's net income fell 1 percent, to \$1.88 ship regulations.

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## **Investors and Mars Drop Saatchi**

By Courtney Kane New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Mars Inc. has dismissed two advertising agencies of Saatchi & Saatchi Co., ending a relationship that dates back 40 years and sending Saatchi shares tumbling to a record low Wednes-

Mars said late Tuesday it would reassign an estimated \$400 million in advertising accounts currently handled by the agen-cies, Bates Worldwide and Saatchi & Saatcies, Bates worldwide and Saatem & Saat

agency was known as Ted Bates Advertis-

John Murray, who is responsible for

worldwide marketing at Mars, said Tues-day that BBDO would join D'Arcy Masius Benton & Bowles, known as DMB&B, and Grey Advertising to become the company's "core international agencies."

The three shops were awarded the accounts after a six-week review that was Saatchi Mr. Saatchi is a longtime associate ing Milky Way and Twix candies and of John F. Mars and Forrest E. Mars Jr., Who control Man.

private companies in the world. Although Mr. Murray declined to disclose the names of the other agencies that budgets. had competed for the account, advertising

Worldwide in New York, said it was "too early to tell" whether any employees would be laid off as a result of losing the account. Executives at Saatchi & Saatchi were un-

prompted by the ousting in December of Maurice Seatchi as chairman of Saatchi & with about \$400 million in billings, includwho control Mars, a confectionery, pet products and food company based in McLean, Virginia, that is one of the largest products and Sheba cat food. It is not private companies in the model. known which brands will be handled by

The loss of the Mars account is the latest trade publications have reported that there repercussion from the ouster of Mr. Saatchi. Last week Mr. Saatchi's breakaway were at least nine participants.

Bates Worldwide handled the bulk of the Mars business, including marketing brands such as M&M's, Snickers and 3 chi & Saatchi Adertising's flagship Londrican Chi & Saatchi Adertising Saatchi Adertising Saatchi Adertising Saatchi Adertising Saatchi Saatchi Adertising Saatchi Saa Musketeers in the United States, while don shop. The clients were American Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising handled brands such as Snickers in Britain.

Judy Torello, a spokeswoman for Bates
Worldwide in New York said it are "too

available for comment, but investors Phillipe Krakowsky, spokesman for dumped stock of the agency's parent company in London on Wednesday. Saatchi & agency had been awarded a portion of the Saatchi Co.'s shares fell to 94.5 pence.

Mars account but said he did not know how large the billings would be.

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banking is not as rosy, Mr. Reed said, and he predicted Citicorp would pare down or scuttle expensive businesses with narrow specialties.

He did not specify which businesses would be shut, but he said Citicorp's investment banking activities — involving financing corporations, debt underwriting, advisory work and trading — would be examined and narrowed.

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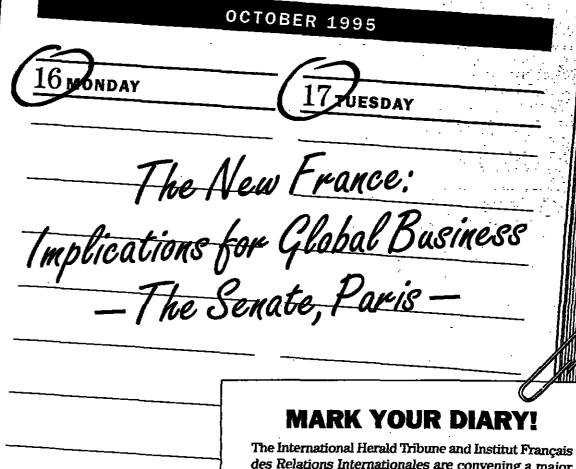
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## A Last-Ditch Dunk Lifts Spurs Over Rockets

Another Spurs-Rockets matchup, another close game. And another San Antonio victory.

In five meetings between the Midwest Conference rivals this season, four of the games have been decided by three points or less. On Tuesday night, the Spurs got a 98-97 win — their

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fourth over the Rockets this season — at Houston on David Robinson's jam with 2.2 seconds left.

Robinson had an off night, scoring 18 points on 8-for-22 shooting, but teammate Dennis Rodman had the biggest re-bounding night in the NBA this

"We really got into the game early, running and sharing the ball," said the Spurs' coach, Bob Hill. "It was maybe the best half offensively we had all

Robinson beat the Rockets when Hakeem Olajuwon went to double-team Sean Elliott on the perimeter, leaving the San Antonio center open to take Elliott's pass.

Houston trailed by as many as 23 midway through the second period but regrouped in the second half behind Clyde Drexler, making his home debut after a trade a week ago brought him from Portland for the power forward Ous Thorpe. Drexler finished with 29, but Rodman capitalized on

"He's awesome. Thirty re-bounds is unreal," Robinson said. "He just exploited the size advantage we had on them in-

Thorpe's absence on the front

Vinny Del Negro led San Antonio with 23 points, while Elliott added 19 points. San Antonio outrebounded Houston 60-

Cavaliers 99, Knicks 91: New York rally to beat the 19 points.

Williams hit a 19-foot jumper with 1:03 remaining to give the strained right shoulder. visiting Cavaliers a 93-87 lead Patrick Ewing led Ne

52 victory Tuesday night.

doesn't emphasize it.'

The Associated Press

Kentucky outplayed and outsmarted Alabama.

Stifling the No. 20 Tide with a zone defense, the

sixth-ranked Wildcats moved a step closer to their first

Southeastern Conference title in nine years with a 72-

"Not only did we play great physically, but mentally as well," said Kentucky's coach, Rick Pitino. "We played off-the-IQ-chart basketball tonight."

three conference games remaining.
"We really aren't thinking that far ahead," said

Rodrick Rhodes, who led Kentucky with 16 points.

To be honest coach talks about it, but he really

Kentucky used a 22-3 run to take control in the first

half, and Alabama never got within 10 points the rest

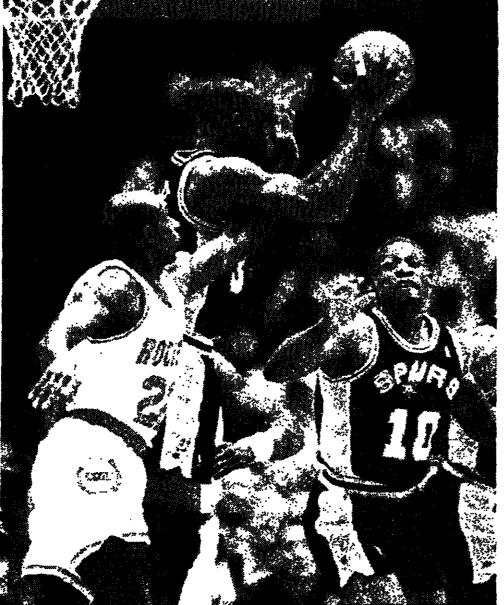
of the way. The Tide continued to struggle at home

you can say it," said Alabama's coach, David Hobbs. Kentucky held Alabama to its lowest point total of

the season. The Tide shot only 30 percent from the

"I'm embarrassed by the loss. I don't know how else

The Wildcats, who haven't won an official SEC title



Rockets' Clyde Drexler, left, blocks Sean Elliott, as Dennis Rodman comes to the rescue.

back from a 27-point second-

half deficit to pull within four. Danny Ferry scored 20 Cleveland held off a furious points for Cleveland. The Cavs and Dallas overcame a 21used only eight players because Knicks behind John Williams's All-Star Tyrone Hill has a sprained left finger and right hand and Bobby Phills has a

Patrick Ewing led New York

after the Knicks had stormed with 33 points on 13-for-17 shooting.

> Mavericks 102, Bullets 97: Jim Jackson scored 44 points point, third-quarter deficit. Jackson scored 30 points in the for good, 99-97, with 41 seconds left. second half, including a layup

Kentucky Outsmarts Alabama With Zone Defense

missed all seven of his shots.

and our lack of execution."

23 points.

field and the team's top scorer, Eric Washington.

"The perimeter people weren't hitting their shots

and we couldn't get the ball inside, so that shut us

down," said Jason Caffey, who led Alabama with 13

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points. "I've got to give credit to the Kentucky zone

points for Kentucky.
No. 2 UCLA 88, No. 19 Stanford 77: Ed O'Bannon

scored 22 points and reserve J. R. Henderson added 19

as visiting UCLA beat the Cardinal for the ninth

straight time. UCLA, which trailed 47-44 at halftime, held Stanford to 30 points in the second half. Tyus

Edney scored 14 points and Charles O'Bannon scored 13 for the Bruins. Stanford was led by Andy Poppink's

No. 4 Connecticut 88, Boston College 75: Ray Allen

matched his career high with 31 points and Connecti-cut, playing in Hartford, took control with a 19-2 run

early in the second half. The Huskies trailed by nine

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Reserve Lucious Harris cored a career-high 25 points since being traded to Portland for Dallas, which rallied after for Clyde Drexler, adding 13 losing rookie guard Jason Kidd with a sprained left ankle late in the first half.

Washington, which has lost five straight at home and 10 of Bulls 105, Hawks 88: Toni open an 81-68 lead.

Kukoc hit his first seven shots and scored 21 points to spark Chicago.

The visiting Bulls, who blew a 19-point lead in a loss at Charlotte the previous night, saw most of a 16-point, secondquarter lead evaporate against the Hawks, but held on at the

Mookie Blaylock led the Hawks with 22 points. Celtics 129, Suns 121: Dee Brown, getting his second straight start after eight games on the bench, scored a careerhigh 41 points to lead Boston

Brown had 27 in the first half, when Boston opened a 25point lead that winded the Suns, which lost for only the fifth time at home this season. Xavier McDaniel scored 17

points for the Celtics. A.C. Green scored 24 points, Dan Majerle 23 and Kevin Johnson 21 each for the Suns, who are 2-3 in their last live home games

Nuggets 118, Clippers 80: Denver gave its head coach, Bernie Bickerstaff, a victory over Los Angeles in his debut and got its biggest victory of the season. Bickerstaff, also the Nuggets' general manager, took over Monday as the head coach.

Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf had 17 points for Denver and Dikembe Mutombo had 13 rebounds, five blocked shots and 12 points.

Eric Piatkowski's 14 points led Los Angeles, which shot 36 percent

Blazers 99, Timberwolves 86: Clifford Robinson scored 29 points and Rod Strickland added 23 as Portland beat Minne-

The Trail Blazers' Terry Porter, playing only his third game since missing the entire first half of the season, had 17 points, 12 in the final period. Otis Thorpe had his best game points and five rebounds.

Isaiah Rider led the visiting Timberwolves with 21 points and Doug West added 19.

The Blazers led 70-65 entering the final period and used an 11-3 run starting the quarter to

points in the second before making the big run that gave them their 15th straight win over the Eagles.

Allen, who scored a season-low 11 points in a loss to

Villanova on Saturday, was 6-for-11 from 3-point

range. Paul Grant led Boston College with a career-

high 20 points.
No. 10 Michigan St. 67, Michigan 64: In East Lan-

sing, Michigan, Shawn Respert and Quinton Brooks

each scored 21 points as Michigan State survived a

cold shooting night. Michigan State led throughout the

second half, but didn't get a field goal after a jumper

by Jon Garavaglia gave the Spartans a 65-60 lead with

3:03 left. Ray Jackson and Maurice Taylor each scored

No. 17 Syracuse 85, Pittsburgh 72: In Syracuse. New York, John Wallace scored 20 points and the

Orangemen withstood a late surge by Pittsburgh to

halt a three-game losing streak. Syracuse shot 71

percent in the first half and held on to beat Pittsburgh

for the eighth consecutive time. After falling behind by

and cut Syracuse's lead to 73-64 on Orlando Antiqua's

3-pointer with 2:36 left. But Syracuse hit 10 consecu-

tive free throws in the final 1:55 to clinch the victory.

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points early in the second half, Pittsburgh rallied

17 points for Michigan.

Nordiques' goalie Stephane Fiset stops shot by Jaromir Jagr, who got the game winner.

### In Wild Finish, Penguins Win The Panthers scored New

Jaromir Jagr's league leading 14th goal capped a wild third period that featured three lead changes as the Pittsburgh Penguins edged the Quebec Nordi-ques, 5-4. Tuesday night in the first matchup this season of the National Hockey League's two hottest teams.

The comeback victory kept the Penguins atop the North-east Division at 13-1-2 and maintained the best start in the franchise's history. Quebec dropped out of a first-

place tie by falling to 13-3-0. Jagr's goal was the sixth of

the third period — three by each team - and boosted the Penguins' home-ice unbeaten streak (12-0-2) to 14 games, dating to last season.

The Penguins and Nordiques

NHL HIGHLIGHTS will play three more times in the

next three weeks. Rangers 5, Panthers 3: In Miami, Alexander Karpovtsev's deflected goal snapped a tie and led the New York Rangers past

Florida. Karpovtsev's slap shot

glanced off Florida's Jesse Be-

Okzyk was credited with the goal, his second. Mark Messier scored twice and Adam Graves once for the Rangers, while Florida's Scott Mellanby scored a goal for the third consecutive game, giving

him four this season.

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Bill Lindsay and Jason Woolley added their first goals of the year for the Panthers.

## An Elite World Tour of Golf? Norman Favors TV Venture

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa - The Australian golfer Greg Norman says the pro-posed World Tour will become reality.

"It will happen," Norman said at a news conference. "The majority of people around the world would like to see it happen. The players would love to see it."

The new venture, spearheaded by Norman and backed by the Fox television network, was announced last November. Plans called for a series of rich tournaments with an elite international field.

However, the tour is opposed by the Pro-fessional Golf Association's commissioner, Tim Finchem. Some of the world's top players have said they would not sign on without the PGA Tour's approval.

In Johannesburg for the inaugural Alfred

Dunhill Challenge, a Ryder Cup-style compe-tition for the southern hemisphere, Norman said a world tour would be more popular than the regionalized tours controlled by golfing associations. Norman, ranked No. 2 in the world last

year, and top-rated Nick Price of Zimbabwe head the field for the Dunhill Cup, which pits teams representing Africa and Australia-Asia against each other.

Both players support the concept of a world tour, which Norman said would balance the power structure in international golf.

"The only thing I want to see is that the players have a little more control than they have now," he said.

Price praised Norman for previously pushing the idea publicly, according to a newspa-per article Wednesday in Business Day: "When you think about international tele-

vision now, and how a tournament like the Johnny Walker in Jamaica, or this tournament here - the Million Dollar - can attract 300 million viewers worldwide against 5 million watching a tournament in the U.S., maybe there's an imbalance of power and things should be shared a little more," Price was quoted as saying.

At the same time, Price said, top players must realize that most tour players would remain loyal to their tours "because we know where our bread and butter is and we don't want to turn our backs on them."

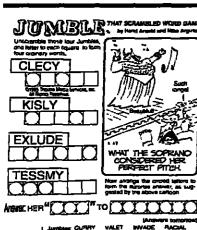
He noted that the U.S. Professional Golfers Association only permitted players signed up for its tour to compete in three nontour events, which limited them from taking part in overseas tournaments.

There should be no restrictions on releases." Price told Business Day. But he said he would refrain from challenging the association's limit. "I don't want to get into those kinds of issues where I might get a suspension around the majors, like the Open or the Masters, which could happen."

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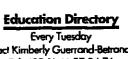
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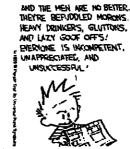


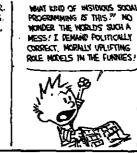
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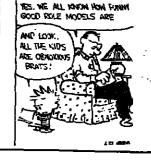
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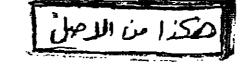


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#### South Korea Makes World Cup Bid

ZURICH (Reuters) - South Korea officially submitted its bid to host the 2002 World Cup soccer finals at a ceremony in FIFA headquarters on Wednesday. The bid was handed over to Sepp Blatter, the general secretary of world soccer's governing body, by Song Young Shik, of the Korean Bidding Committee and South Korea's ambassador to Switzerland, Kang Dee Wan.

"Koreans love football and I believe I am carrying the hopes of the whole country in the envelope I am taking to Zurich" said

the whole country in the envelope I am taking to Zurich," said Song before the delegation left Seoul. "We are extremely confident that our football pedigree and our record in representing Asian football in the World Cup will be a key factor when FIFA members make their decision in June next year," Song said.

#### Atlanta's Ticket Pitch to Rich Begins

ATLANTA (AFP) - A mail campaign starts this week to sell \$50,000 luxury ticket packages to the 1996 Olympics, with the pitch aimed at 150,000 wealthy corporate executives.

Olympic organizers and 100 of the packages have already been

sold. The "patron plan" gives selected businessmen the chance to purchase seats before sales for the 7 million tickets to the public begin May 1. Each taker gets two prime seats for the opening and closing ceremonies plus the major event on each day of the

#### 400 Service Hours in Tyson's Future

INDIANAPOLIS (Reuters) — Former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson has agreed to perform 100 hours of community service in each of his four years of probation after his release from prison March 25, prison officials said Wednesday. Besides the community service, Tyson will be required to undergo counseling and be subject to random testing for drugs or

#### Faulty Heater Is Suspected in Death

FABRIANO, Italy, (Reuters) — An autopsy on Tuesday showed traces of lethal carbon monoxide gas in basketball player Samuel Mitchell's blood. The American, who played for the Italian second division club Fabriano, who was found dead at his home Monday. A faulty heater in Mitchell's apartment is suspect-

"Investigators have told us that this is the most likely hypothesis," a team spokesman said Wednesday. Media reports speculated that a storm that hit the town last Friday may have broken pipes in the heating system in Mitchell's home.

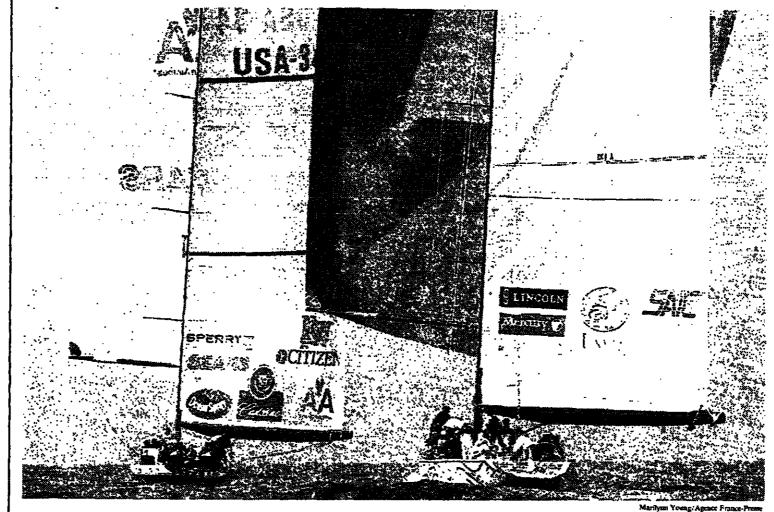
#### For the Record

The date for the Grand National steeplechase could be switched this year if rain continues to disrupt the British horse racing calendar, the British Horse Racing Board and the Aintree Race Course announced Wednesday. The National, which was nearly called off last year when torrential rains hit, is slated for April 8. But in case of foul weather, the race will take place April 10 in the late afternoon. And if it rains on Monday . . .?

Linford Christie, who set a new world indoor 200-meter record Sunday in France, has pulled out of the 200-meter race at the Invitation meeting in Birmingham, England, this Saturday. Christie had treatment for a back problem after the run and has decided to compete in only the 60-meter event.

#### **Uuotable**

• João Havelange, president of soccer's governing body, said the former German star Franz Beckenbauer would be a good man to succeed him: "Beckenbauer is a cultured man, a gentleman from top to bottom," Havelange told SID, a German sports news agency. "His greatest advantage is that after his extraordinary playing career he did all other jobs in soccer. He has worldwide contacts. This could make it easier for him to become FIFA president.



In the closest finish yet in the 1995 America's Cup trials, Stars & Stripes, left, skippered by Paul Cayard, edges Young America.

## 3 Seconds Spell Victory for Stars & Stripes

The Associated Press SAN DIEGO - Paul Cayard took over the wheel of Stars & Stripes from Dennis Conner, and with Conner looking over his shoulder, sailed the yacht a three-second victory over Young America on

1995 America's Cup trials. Such a suspenseful finish wasn't new to Cayard. In 1992, he steered Italy's Il Moro di Venezia to a onesecond victory over New Zealand.

Tuesday, the closest finish in the

the closest race in trials history. A few weeks later, Il Moro beat America3 by three seconds in the closest race in finals history. It also was Italy's only victory in the series as America3 defended the Cup.

Italy isn't competing this time, and Cayard joined Conner's crew. Cayard usually is the starting helmsman, but Conner let him keep the wheel Tuesday.

"I'm not going to exactly get into how it all works out," said Cayard, who is listed on the daily crew sheet as "instigator."

"It's just the way it worked out today," he said. "We have our thoughts on what we want to do on certain days against certain opponents in certain conditions. It's just a little of our strategy. We've got a lot of skilled people on our boat. We just try to figure out the best way to use the skills and get the boat around the track as fast as we

Three seconds translates to less than half the length of a 75-foot

(22.5-meter) racing sloop.
"Today it worked out right,"
Cayard said, "Maybe we would have won by more if Dennis was driving."

The previous closest margins in the 1995 trials were a 12-second

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victory by Team New Zealand over Nippon on Jan. 31, and a a 14second victory by America3 over Young America on Jan. 29.

Young America, skippered by an America's Cup newcomer, Kevin Mahaney, had won five straight races, including two over Stars & Stripes. The victory allowed Stars & Stripes to cut Young America's lead in the Citizen Cup standings to 21-17. The America3 women's crew is third with seven points.

Young America and Stars & Stripes were scheduled to race again Wednesday.

On the challenger course, the fea-tured matchup between the national rivals Team New Zealand and NZL-39 lost some of its edge when the latter broke its main starboard jib winch during its first tack on the

NZL-39 made a game effort, but lost by 1 minute, 28 seconds, its first defeat in five races in the thirdround robin. Team New Zealand is 5-0 in the round and 16-1 overall.

In another national match, John Bertrand's oneAustralia dispatched Sydney 95 by 1:59. And Japan handed Rioja de Espana its 17th loss in 18 races, winning by 1:51.

Stars & Stripes won the start by a second and built its lead to 34 seconds at the top mark.

Young America closed to 20 seconds at the next mark, only to have Stars & Stripes take a 32-second lead after the windward third leg.

Young America made up time on each of the next two legs, trailing by just 12 seconds turning onto the final downwind leg. It continued to close the gap, but ran out of time.

## Top Suspect Arrested in **Italian Riot**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche

GENOA -- A man nicknamed "the surgeon" for his penchant of carrying knives to soccer matches was arrested Monday for allegedly belping provoke a fatal stabbing of a fan that touched off a not last

Carlo Giacominelli, 31, was charged with aggravated assault and portrayed by police as the leader of a group of hard-core AC Milan fans who traveled to the team's Jan. 29 match against Genoa intent on causing violence.

Simone Barbaglia, a 19-year-old member of Giacominelli's reputed group, was arrested Jan. 30 for the stabbing of Vincenzo Spagnolo, 25. The slaying touched off riots in and outside the stadium and the match was canceled at halftime.

The Italian League called off all matches the following Sunday in the first game-day without soccer in Italy in 50 years.

Giacominelli, an apprentice bookkeeper, is accused of being the ringleader of a group of young Milan fans and encouraging them to harass and attack supporters of rival teams. If convicted, he could face a

jail sentence of two to six years.

The death of Spagnolo shocked Italy and has prompted the authorities to take action to attempt to stem the growing tide of soccer hooliganism.

The Italian Parliament is set to give definitive approval to a package of measures which would allow clubs to ban blacklisted fans from their stadiums. (AP, Reuters)

#### **Baseball Talks Get Back on Track**

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE - Baseball players and owners agreed Wednesday to resume full negotiations next Monday in the Phoenix

area.
"With all due respect, it's a lot nicer there than in Milwaukee this time of year," the acting commissioner, Bud Selig, said just before noon Wednesday, when two days of talks among small bargaining teams ended.

Selig and the players' union negotiator, Donald Fehr, agreed that the meetings — the first formal sessions between the striking players and owners in two weeks --were successful in reducing tension on both sides. So much so that the two men headed from the hotel where the talks took place to a nearby deli, where Selig proposed to buy lunch.

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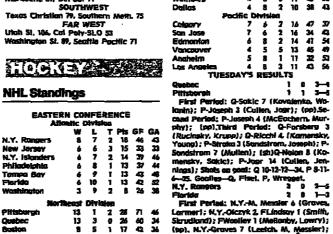
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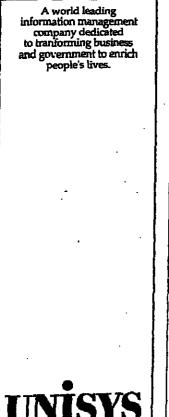
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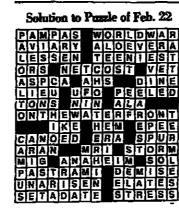
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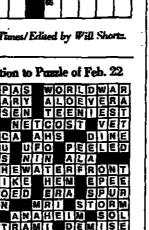
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### Chicken à la Newt

WASHINGTON — I was at a \$1 million fund-raiser for Newt Gingrich the other evening in Washington and was fortunate enough to sit next to Tim Smith, a major contributor to Newt's various foundations and political action commit-

He denied that he donated money to Newt in exchange for

political favors. "The reason I come to these dinners is because I love the food," said. Tim "You're not going to get a piece of chicken this tasty even at the Four

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"I never thought of a political fund-raiser as a three-star restaurant," I admitted.

"It's not just the Caesar Salad and Baked Alaska that bring me out," Tim said. "I like the good fellowship that goes with a Newt Gingrich affair. Everybody here hates the same things and the same people. All a speaker has to do is mention Connie Chung, and he gets a standing ovation. One joke about pregnant mothers on welfare is worth the \$1,000. I love politicians because they put fire in my belly."

#### Chinese Artist's Works On Display in London

The Associated Press LONDON — An exhibition of paintings by the 102-year-old Chinese artist Zhu Qizhan has opened at the British Museum. Zhu paints traditional-style landscapes and still lifes noted for their exuberant brushwork and simple composition. The paintings on exhibit, which

span 60 years, were lent by the

artist and by private collections.

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cessful fund-raiser in political history. In the last 10 years he has pulled in \$17 million. I can't believe that people give him money simply to have a deli-

cious dinner. Tim grumped, "Are you say-ing that Newt doesn't care about the food he serves at these benefits?"

"No. All I'm saying is that there are some lobbyists who feel a substantial donation to one of his funds would help him

look kindly on their industry." That's how dumb you media people are. An insurance company, for example, will give Gingrich money only because it likes the wine he serves at the banquet. Newt doesn't even know how much an insurance company donates to his foundation. As far as he's concerned everyone who gives gets the same wine and great treatment. Gingrich will not do favors for

college teaching classes." I said, "According to NBC, the Kohler family gave \$757,000 to Newt. As speaker of the House, wouldn't Newt be more tempted to call a member of the Kohler family if the Capitol toilets won't flush?"

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cause it offers to underwrite his

Tim was furious. "That isn't how political fund-raising works. Newt doesn't care about the plumbing in the House. He is concerned about the ridiculous federal plumbing regulations that are hindering his 'Contract With America.' That's where he and the Kohler family are working the same

side of the street." I tried to change the subject. "Do you find this chicken a little tough?" I asked Tim.

"A little, but it's much tastier than the French toast they served at a prayer breakfast for Newt in Atlanta last week."

## Neo-Victorian Values in a Sci-Fi Future

By John Schwartz Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Neal Stephenson is slowly W making his way around his hotel room, packing the overnight bag that he's been living out of for two weeks now. It's one of those nice ones, an expensivelooking fold-over job that probably could hold a couple of Armanis without imparting a wrinkle. Stephenson, though, is laying in a wardrobe consisting largely of jeans and T-shirts of varying weights he lives, after all, in Seattle — and talking about the movie deal. That would be for "Snow Crash," his 1992 hit that has sold more than 125,000 copies. Paramount bought the rights. Stephenson is also about to become only the third writer in history to have his fiction printed in Time.

Remember, please, that we are talking about a writer of science fiction. Serious print sci-fi rarely delivers beyond its core fans. Yet Stephenson, improbably, might just break through. His new book, "The Diamond Age," is already in its second printing, with 30,000 copies out in the world. National newsmagazines and newspapers have sprinkled worshipful profiles in his path as he tours the United States. Wired, the bible for the techno-hip, recently published one of his short stories, and Details - the exquisitely cool fashion magazine edited for young men who wear tuxedos, goatees and no ties - bowed in his direction. That article was written by Bruce Sterling, one of the reigning author-gods of the gritty

cyberpunk science fiction subgenre.
Bantam, Stephenson's publisher, is not only plugging him through the usual media tour, but with multiple appearances on-line in cyberspace. Stephenson gets a sardonic grin on his face as he describes what he thinks he has become: a "cyber-lebrity."

This is the year of the Internet, the age of hackers and interactive entertainment. So authors like Sterling, who once supported his writing habit as a legislative proofreader in Austin, Texas, morph into talking heads on "Nightline." And Stephenson, though not a natural showman like Sterling, fills the 'cyber-lebrity" bill.

"The guy radiates star quality — on the page, that is," Sterling writes, responding to an e-mail question. "In person, he's like a lot of other extremely bright people in that he's rather guarded and private and

In his books, Stephenson sees a future of cultures increasingly balkanized. In "Snow Crash," much of America has ensconced itself behind the gates of 'burbclaves," walled complexes guarded by vicious cyborg dogs. In the more distant future of "The Diamond Age," nation-states have all but dissolved, leaving scattered collections of neo-tribes - with the most successful being those that have retained a sense of internal discipline and community responsibility. such as the Neo-Victorians and the Confucians. If you



Author Neal Stephenson: Star quality on the e-mail networks and multiple appearances on-line.

think this is far-fetched, take a look at the new book by conservative historian Gertrude Himmelfarb, titled "The De-Moralization of Society: From Victorian Virtues to Modern Values."

Back to the future. Much of the job of the elders in Stephenson's worlds is deciding what technologies to reject. Stephenson says: "As technology becomes more powerful and capable of doing everything, the cultural role of deciding what should be done with it becomes more important than the technologists' role of deciding what can be done with it." Each tribe decides what it will keep of the modern age - and how to devise an immune system to filter out technol-

ogies that tend to be toxic. Born in Maryland while his folks were stationed at Fort Meade, Stephenson has techno in his blood. His father, an electrical engineer, teaches at Iowa State University. The author went to Boston University in the late 70s, majoring in geography and minoring in physics. He re-created the contentious campus of John Silber in his first novel, "The Big U." The book

sold poorly and has all but disappeared.

He had been trying to support himself with "dopey clerical jobs," but after selling "The Eig U" he met his future wife - and she was studying to be a doctor. They lived off her income and he began writing fulltime. He began working with a friend on a graphic-novel project — a book that you would read, and play, on a computer. He realized that the technology wasn't ready for something really compelling yet, and turned much of the material into "Snow Crash."

"Snow Crash" vividly described a near future in which people could all but live in a 3-D on-line world, the Metaverse — where their personae (in a brilliant stroke he called them "avatars") could socialize, learn, conduct business or play. The book is alternately shoot-tem-up and as pedantic as science fiction can be; it caught the spirit of the short-attention-span generation, selling almost exclusively through "word of Net" — enthusiastic postings by his fans in on-line discussion areas devoted to science fiction.

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While living in the Washington area, Stephenson and an uncle, George Jewsbury, a history professor, collaborated on a political satire-thriller, "Interface," published last year under the pseudonym Stephen Bury. It's a parody of political smarminess, with a presidential candidate so tied to public opinion polling that he receives moment-by-moment focus group results via a chip implanted in his brain. The candidate changes his mind (minds?) more often than President Clinton, but nobody seems to notice and his ratings som.

Now comes "The Diamond Age." During an America Online appearance, Stephenson said that the new novel that has attracted so much attention is "about a little girl with a magic book," But that's too coy. It's actually about how we program our kids and, by extension, how we build a culture that works and societies that last. How do we make smart people who think for themselves, and civilizations that are indeed

#### PEOPLE

#### Across the Pacific Solo: A First in Ballooning

Steve Fossett, an American stockbroker, landed his balloonsafely in Leader, Saskatchowan, after setting the world distance record and becoming the first person to cross the Pacific Ocean solo in a balloon. For sett, who took off from Seoul, traveled more than 5,400 miles (8,640 kilometers), breaking the official distance record of 5,200 miles, set in 1981. His only link to the ground was a satellite hookup and computer to communicate with his crew.

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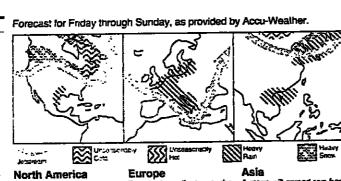
One of Washington's celebra-ty power couples, Mary Mata-lin, 42, and James Carville, 50, are expecting their first baby in July. It's a girl and they have already picked the name: Mataim Mary Carville, "Matty" for short. Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman have adopted a son, Connor Antony Kidman Cruise, who was born Feb. 6. They adopted a girl in 1993.

Chen Kaige, the winner of the Golden Palm at the 1993 Cannes film festival for "Farewell My Concubine," has married Ni Ping, a popular Chinese. TV personality. It is the second, marriage for both.

The Indian lawmaker Muthkumaraswamy Aram has won the 12th Niwano Peace Prize for contributions to peace through religious activities. Aram, the president of the World Conference on Peace and Religion International, will receive the 20 million yen (about \$205,000) prize in Tokyo on May 11.

To earn the Hasty Pudding pot from Harvard's theatrical troupe, Tom Hanks had to play "Nail the Nominees," throwing darts at pictures of his rivals for the best actor Oscar: Paul Newman, John Travolta, Morgan Freeman and Nigel Hawthorne.

#### WEATHER



The East Coast will have a trend to colder weather Fritrend to corder weather the cay and Sammay will be dry winds. Sunday will be dry and shilly There is a chance of sitter lose or rain in Chica-go Saturday and Sunday, and of snow in Toronto Sun-day. Rain is possible Sunday in Los Angolos.

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Dry weather will return to the U.K., Spain and Portugal Rain will reach from France through Germany to Poland and southoastward through italy and Yugoslavia. Snow will tall in some of the higher elevations. Much of Scandinavia and eastern Russia will have dry weather.

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